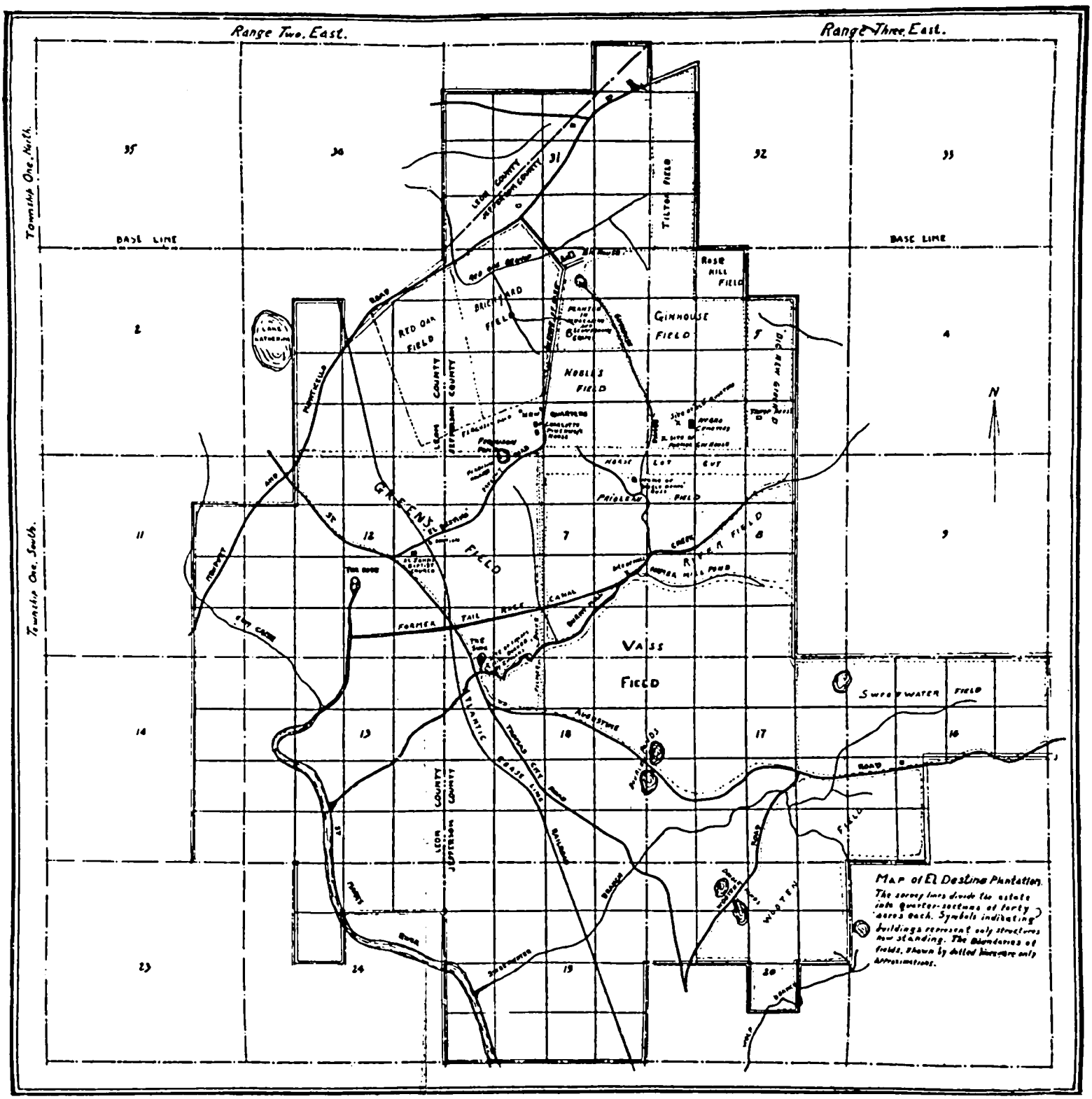
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Map of El Destino Plantation
The survey lines divide the estate into quarter-sections of forty acres each. Symbols indicating buildings represent only structures now standing. The boundaries of fields, shown by dotted lines are only approximations.

FLORIDA PLANTATION RECORDS

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PREFACE

Most of the writings here published are from the pens of men of little schooling. Not only is their spelling spontaneous (if anything so painful may be so styled), but their capitalization and punctuation are so erratic that the maxim of putting the text into "the form which it would have borne if the author had contemporaneously put it into print"[1] has little application; for these plantation overseers presumably could not have written in better form than they did. And yet the editors have a duty to make the text reasonably easy to read. To this end they have supplied punctuation frugally where it was missing, and modified it where clearly necessary for the purpose. In the multitude of cases where the manuscripts leave doubt as to whether a capital letter was intended or not, we have given the writers the benefit of the doubt and have used that which in good usage prevails.

As regards the plantation journals, editorial liberty has been carried a little further, to save complication for the printer and the reader. Thus, notes on the weather have been shifted from the margins to the date-lines; and certain insignificant matter has been omitted, for example some daily records of corn consumed by the live-stock. Where discrepancies have been noted, as between the marginal tabulations of slaves at work and the figures in

[1] American Historical Association, *Report, 1905*, I, 147 (report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission).

the body of the entry for the day, however, we have not attempted to correct the errors.

From some of the letters deletions have been made (indicated by dots) of material not relating to plantation affairs; but from the fortnightly reports of the ante-bellum overseers nothing has been deleted, nor has any document of this category been omitted from the collection.[2]

As must needs be the case when written by such lowly folk, these records are sprinkled with colloquialisms. Many of these are interpreted in a glossary at the end of this publication. If the reader be not to the cotton-belt born, it may be well for him to scan the glossary before attacking the documents themselves.

In addition to those to whom acknowledgments are made in subsequent pages, the editors must make mention of cordial assistance rendered by Mrs. Nettie H. Beauregard, Archivist, Miss Stella M. Drumm, Librarian, and Professor Thomas M. Marshall, Secretary of the Missouri Historical Society. And at the cost of repetition we must thank the owner of the manuscripts, Mr. George Noble Jones of Savannah, for the facilitation which he has given lavishly at every possible juncture.

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[2] For further discussion of the documents, see Introduction, section II.

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INTRODUCTION

By Ulrich B. Phillips

I. PLANTATION RECORDS IN GENERAL

The present-day interest of historical students in the plantation régime is essentially a revival. The major historians of the West Indies in the eighteenth century were much absorbed by it;[1] contemporary writers on Colonial Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinas considered it a basic theme; and no traveler who touched any plantation district prior to 1860 and took his pen in hand could fail to write his impressions of plantation life and industry.[2] But plantations, though picturesque, were not spectacular; nor were they, as such, involved in any controversy. Furthermore, they lay beyond the ken of the New Englanders who wrote the "standard" American histories. In the decades of intersectional strain and strife, public interest was absorbed by the theoretical conflict between democracy and slavery, and by the political implications of that conflict; and for decades after the destruction of slavery it was equally absorbed in the political destiny of the negroes. For some decades the system which was responsible for the bringing of the negroes to America, which was the basis of slavery's devel-

[1] E. g. [Edward Long], *History of Jamaica* (3 vols., London, 1774); Bryan Edwards, *History of the British Colonies in the West Indies* (3 vols., London, 1793-1801; 5th ed., 5 vols., London, 1819).

[2] A list of the more important travelers' accounts in these premises is given by Francis P. Gaines, *The Southern Plantation: A Study in the Development and Accuracy of a Tradition* (N. Y. 1925), pp. 240, 241. His whole book is in a sense a critical bibliography of plantation literature.

opment, and which controlled the course of negro life, was in large degree lost to sight as a historical phenomenon.

Plantations, of course, were always within the consciousness of Southern folk; and it was but natural that Southern writers should lead in the revival of interest. A path-breaking work in these premises was Philip A. Bruce's *Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century.*[3] The first elaborate analyses of plantation records appear to be those of Alfred H. Stone concerning his own free-labor plantation. These were first printed in certain economic journals and then assembled and extended in his *Studies in the American Race Problem.*[4] A search for older records resulted in the editing of selected materials from widely scattered sources by one of the present editors,[5] and, later, in digests of such data as came to his knowledge.[6] As early as 1878 the diary of Valcour Aime was published, recording the operations on his Louisiana sugar plantation from 1827 to 1853.[7] In more recent years

[3] 2 vols., N. Y. 1908. Bruce had previously exhibited his plantation interest in a small book on a current problem: *The Plantation Negro as a Freeman* (N. Y., 1889).

[4] New York, 1908. Briefer analyses were made in earlier times by numerous planters as contemporary contributions to agricultural journals. Some of them were assembled by J. A. Turner in his *Cotton Planter's Manual* (N. Y. 1857) and in various other books of the period.

[5] U. B. Phillips, ed., *Plantation and Frontier Documents, 1649-1863* (2 vols., Cleveland, 1909), first published as vols. 1 and 2 of *A Documentary History of American Industrial Society* (11 vols., Cleveland, 1909-11).

[6] U. B. Phillips, *American Negro Slavery: A Survey of the Supply, Employment and Control of Negro Labor as determined by the Plantation System (N. Y., 1918).*

[7] *Plantation Diary of the late Mr. Valcour Aime, formerly Proprietor of the Plantation known as the St. James Sugar Refinery, situated in the Parish of St. James* (New Orleans, 1878). Portions of this are reprinted in *Plantation and Frontier Documents,* above cited, I, 214-230.

Professor Franklin L. Riley published the diary of Dr. M. W. Philips, relating to his Mississippi cotton plantation;[8] and Professor John S. Bassett has issued the *Westover Journal of John A. Selden,*[9] and a study of the *Southern Plantation Overseer as Revealed in his Letters,* copiously documented from the papers of President James K. Polk.[10] Other students have been busy at monographic tasks;[11] a consciousness of plantation significance has entered the latest general histories; and the very traditions of the plantation régime as embodied in literature have found their critical historian.[12]

The historical study of plantations, however, has just begun; and all generalizations concerning them must be in a measure tentative until many more of their actual records have been made available. Among the things of

[8] In Mississippi Historical Society, *Publications,* X, 305-481 (1909). The diary extends from January, 1840 to January, 1863. Descriptions of this plantation, called Log Hall, may be found in the *American Agriculturist,* II, 295-296 (November, 1843); VI, 277 (September, 1847); VI, 317 (October, 1847).

[9] In Smith College, *Studies in History,* VI, No. 4 (1921). Letters of Selden describing methods on Westover and other plantations on the lower James River may be found in the *Farmers' Register,* Edmund Ruffin, editor, I, 320-325; III, 1-8; III, 1-5.

[10] Printed as one of the Smith College, *Fiftieth Anniversary Publications* (Northampton, Mass., 1925), it relates mainly to a cotton plantation in Yallobusha County, Mississippi, 1835-1858. Professor Bassett has also written a colonial study, "The Relation between the Virginia Planter and the London Merchant", which is printed in the American Historical Association, *Report, 1902,* I, 551-575.

[11] E. g. Abigail Curlee, "The History of a Texas Slave Plantation", in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly,* XXVI, 79-127 (October, 1922); V. Alton Moody, "Slavery on Louisiana Sugar Plantations", in the *Louisiana Historical Quarterly* for April, 1924; and T. J. Wertenbaker's two books: *Patrician and Plebeian in Virginia* (Charlottesville, 1910), and *The Planters of Colonial Virginia* (Princeton, 1922).

[12] F. P. Gaines, above cited.

which least is known are the details of the organization, supervision and performance of labor, and the manner in which vicissitudes and emergencies were met. Nothing but bulk and variety of data can enable the student to determine what was the typical and what the exceptional experience.

Plantation records are highly diverse in scope and quality and in the promptings which caused them to be written. They include advertisements of estates for sale, or of rewards for the return of runaway slaves, statements of commercial account, court records, letters whether to private persons or to public prints (and even replies to questionnaires),[13] instructions and other memoranda, reports, diaries and journals. At least one bulky record was written with an explicit view to the information of posterity. This is the "plantation book" of Worthy Park plantation in Jamaica, written in the closing decades of the eighteenth century.[14] But nearly all other intimate records were written for strictly contemporary purposes.

Among manuscript materials accessible in public repositories are scattered items among the George Washington,[15] Thomas Jefferson, Robert Carter,[16] Andrew Jackson,

[13] E. g. [Ebenezer Starnes], *The Slaveholder Abroad,* (Phila., 1860), appendix.

[14] Notes from the Worthy Park record, 1787-1791, the manuscript of which appears to be still on the estate, have been printed in Mary Gaunt's *Where the Twain Meet* (London, 1922), pp. 133-149 *et passim.* The volume for 1792-1796 has been acquired by U. B. Phillips and analyzed by him in the *American Historical Review,* XIX, 543-558 (April, 1914).

[15] Many letters of Washington concerning plantation affairs at Mount Vernon are assembled in the Long Island Historical Society, *Memoirs,* IV, (1889).

[16] The Virginia Historical Society has a slender collection of Carter papers supplementing those in the Library of Congress. A view of life at

James K. Polk, and James H. Hammond papers in the Library of Congress; the Brevard, Bryan, Clark, Henderson and Pettigrew papers in the North Carolina Historical Commission at Raleigh; the Lindsay-Patterson papers in the library of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill;[17] the Telfair papers in the Telfair Academy of Art, at Savannah; the Tait, Walker and Hall papers in the Alabama Department of Archives and History; and the Greenough papers, relating to a sugar plantation in the island of Antigua, in the Massachusetts Historical Society.[18] Of plantation diaries, the only ones within the knowledge of the present editors which are readily accessible but have not been printed are the Marlbourne journal of Edmund Ruffin, 1846 to 1851, in the Virginia State Library, Ruffin's later diaries, 1856-1865, in the Library of Congress, the diary of William Bolling, of Goochland County, Virginia, covering the years 1827 and 1828, which is on deposit with the Virginia Historical Society, and the diary of Leven Covington, of Adams County, Mississippi, 1829-1834, in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, at Jackson. Of course there are many plantation records still in family possession;[19] but there seems no present occasion to discuss such of these as have chanced to become known to historical students.

Nomoni Hall, Carter's home, may be had from Philip Vickers Fithian, *Journal and Letters, 1767-1774* (J. R. Williams ed., Princeton, 1900).

[17] These collections at Raleigh and Chapel Hill have been used in Rosser H. Taylor, *Slaveholding in North Carolina: An Economic View*, printed in the *James Sprunt Historical Publications* of the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, 1926).

[18] These have been analyzed by U. B. Phillips, "An Antigua Plantation", in the *North Carolina Historical Review*, III, 439-445.

[19] Some notes in these premises appear, *passim*, in U. B. Phillips, ed., *Plantation and Frontier Documents*.

II. THE GEORGE NOBLE JONES PAPERS IN PARTICULAR

The records from which selections have been made to fill the present volume are of somewhat unusual character. Their main bulk may be designated technically as journals rather than diaries, since they were not written in response to spontaneous impulse and they seldom record the thoughts, acts or observations of the writers—except for notes upon the weather. Instead, they were prepared by the overseers in obedience to the employer's orders; and for his information they recorded the daily tasks of the working slaves. Other things to be found in them were mentioned but incidentally. Many more volumes of these must have been written than are now known to exist. The volumes now available comprise the journal for El Destino, from April 5 to December 3, 1841, and from January 1, 1847 to September 3, 1848; and the Chemonie journal, from January 1, 1851 to January 10, 1853, and from February 19, 1855 to August 13, 1856. Limitations of space have excluded some portions of these journals from the present printing. The selection has been guided by the wish to avoid highly skeletonized records and to include accounts from both plantations and from several overseers. There is also a condensed journal of El Destino Mill, from January 8, 1862 to August 24, 1865, and a memorandum book of Jones's plantation affairs with spasmodic entries between February 24, 1864 and February 20, 1869, the chief contents of which are financial accounts relating to negro tenants in the period of Reconstruction. Some data from the latter of these volumes are incorporated in this

introduction; but neither record, as it stands, is significant enough to invite publication.

Second in point of bulk, and first perhaps in point of interest, are the reports of the overseers to their employer. His requirement in ante-bellum times was that the overseer of each of his plantations send him fortnightly during his absence a transcript or abstract of the journal for the preceding two weeks, together with a letter describing the condition of the crops and giving all news of significance in the plantation's affairs. The overseers of his two neighboring estates, El Destino and Chemonie, were expected to "stagger" their reports, so that they might reach him in alternate weeks. These reports followed a set pattern. Each, as a rule, was written on a large folded sheet of four pages. The abstract of the journal came first, and the letter followed. The texts of all these Florida plantation letters available are here printed; but the journal abstracts which they accompanied are not here included, for the reasons that many of them would be repetitions of the printed journals, and the rest are less significant than other materials to which the space is given. In post-bellum times the overseers did not send systematic reports, but merely wrote letters on occasion. Those extant, except for a few which have no significance, are included in this publication. The remaining documents available are quite miscellaneous. They include slave lists made for various purposes, lists of fields with crops to be planted in them, records of cotton bales sent to market, inventories, factors' statements and miscellaneous accounts and receipts, freight bills, doctor's bills, overseers' contracts, a marriage settlement, mortgages and various

records of litigation, and a considerable bulk of private correspondence. Such of these miscellanea as have seemed worth while are here printed. For some unknown reason very few of the papers available pertain to the period of the Civil War.

These records have had a curious recent history. For some decades they lay quietly gathering dust in the old plantation house on El Destino, the Jones family owning the estate and the papers with it. In 1919 Mr. George Noble Jones, a Savannah attorney, grandson of the George (or G. Noble) Jones of the records, sold El Destino[20] and its furniture, the purchaser agreeing to take care of the papers and other effects in the house until they should be removed. Mr. Jones was then living temporarily in Washington, and continued there until 1925. Meanwhile, in 1924, a party of Tallahassee folk, rummaging the countryside for antiques, encountered the papers, and one of them gave news of the discovery to Dr. James O. Knauss, Professor of European History in the Florida Woman's College at Tallahassee. Dr. Knauss went to the plantation, verified the news, and sent a request to Mr. Jones for permission to remove the papers for examination. This request was granted; but when Dr. Knauss returned to get the documents, he found most of them gone. He took away what he found available, and after a time deposited them with Mr. J. C. Yonge of Pensacola, editor of the Florida Historical Society *Quarterly*. During the same year Dr.

[20] In a letter of January 19, 1926, Mr. Jones has stated in reply to a query: "I sold El Destino in June, 1919, for $70,000. The acreage was 7638 acres. The low price was due to the ravages of the boll weevil which ended the career of the property as a plantation, beginning with 1914. I still own the other plantation, . . . Chemonie."

J. S. Bassett, Professor of History in Smith College, made transcripts of the overseers' reports which comprised the main bulk of the Knauss-Yonge parcel, with a view of including them in his *The Plantation Overseer as Revealed in his Letters.* Dr. Bassett abandoned this purpose; and the use of his transcripts (along with the originals), has facilitated the present publication.

The plantation journals and some of the other papers, meanwhile, had gone upon extended travels. It appears that the wife of the manager employed by the owner of the plantation had gotten from Dr. Knauss an impression that the papers had pecuniary value; and consulting nothing but her own want of money, she shipped and sold them to a postage-stamp dealer in New Jersey, whose advertisement offering to buy old documents she had doubtless seen in some farm journal. This purchaser sold them to a Michigan dealer in manuscripts, who sold them in turn to the Missouri Historical Society of St. Louis. This Society adjudged the records worthy of publication, and enlisted the services of the present editors. The Florida State Historical Society, also desiring to publish them, procured an intervention by Mr. Jones, who claimed the papers then at St. Louis as his property which had been removed without his knowledge or consent. Ensuing negotiations resulted in the present assemblage for publication of materials not only from St. Louis and Pensacola but of others which Mr. Jones had at Washington, and still others which one of the present editors found by ransacking the garret on El Destino. On the other hand it is conceded that Mr. Jones owns all the manuscripts; but it is his intention to make gifts of his grandfather's manu-

scripts as follows: to the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis most or all of the papers here printed; to the Florida Historical Society at Pensacola the other papers relating to affairs in Florida; and to the Georgia Historical Society at Savannah the remainder of the papers, which have chiefly a Georgia interest.

III. THE PLANTATION REALM, AND THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLE FLORIDA

The plantation system was the prototype of the factory system, in its massing of operatives under supervision. Such a system, of course, may be applied to all crops in every clime, and to laborers of any race or status. Conditions were most conductive to the prevalence of the plantation régime, however, where the work required was a long-continued repetition of simple tasks.[21] When most of the laborers were bondmen little seasonal migration was feasible, such as that of Western harvest hands of nowadays; and there was need of avoiding periods of idleness in the main crop on the one hand and seasons of sharp and heavy work on the other. Cotton was a perfect crop in the premises, for virtually the whole year was occupied by its successive tasks: the preparation of the fields, the seeding, the cultivation with hoe and plough throughout the long growing season, and the slow harvest extending from August to November or even perhaps to March of the following year. Tobacco, rice and cane sugar competed with cotton's demand for slave labor, and the

[21] Cf. U. B. Phillips, "Plantations with Slave Labor and Free," *American Historical Review*, XXX, 738-753.

plantation realm spread into all areas in which any of these were grown, except the Northern tobacco districts in which slavery was prohibited by law. Nevertheless by the year 1860 some three-fourths of all the working plantation slaves in the United States were engaged in cotton culture.

The world's great and constantly growing demand for cotton kept the American planters and farmers alert to increase the supply. Maximum profit depended partly upon cheapness of production; and under the conditions of the time, characterized by dear labor and cheap land, this meant a rapid exploitation of fresh areas. The torrential rains of the South laid a double curse upon the land, by eroding the hills and leaching the plains. This increased the speed of the spread of population in search of new tracts to clear and till. The movement was mainly westward, with a southerly trend so slight that Texas was reached before Florida began to be exploited in any considerable measure.

The whole of Florida lay in large neglect as long as the Spanish control continued, and for a decade after its purchase in 1819 by the United States. The vicinity of St. Augustine was becoming known as favorable for orange groves and for winter resort by sufferers fom tuberculosis; and far-away Pensacola, long a focus of Indian trade, was now a port competing somewhat with Mobile for Alabama commerce. But agricultural development was retarded nearly everywhere by the sandiness of the soil and the liability to depredations by Seminole Indians. It was not until well within the second quarter of the nineteenth century that, on the one hand, the Seminoles

were conquered and removed, and on the other hand, the district between the Suwanee and Appalachicola rivers was found to contain lands exceptionally fertile for that general region.

The best contemporary description of Middle Florida is that by Farquhar Macrae, written with an enthusiastic pen in 1835 to Edmund Ruffin, the famous editor of the *Farmers' Register.*[22] Of himself Macrae said: "Some two years since, I came to Florida, after a residence of some years as a sugar planter in the British West Indies, from whence I was forced, with a sacrifice of property and prospects, by the mad abolition act of the English government. My object in selecting Florida as a residence was to establish, under a secure and honest constitution, a sugar-growing estate." Journeying across northern Florida, he said, one finds the sterile pine flats monotonous "to the borders of the Suwanee when the traveler hails with the feverish delight of an Arab the majestic live oaks indicating the banks of that long wished for stream. . . . Let us," he continues, "admire its bold and picturesque banks — its pellucid waters." After a pause for this purpose, Macrae leads us across the Suwanee and on to the "Oscilla" (known to map makers as the Aucilla), remarking by the way upon the alternation of pine flats with stretches of good soil. West of the Aucilla he shows us a rolling country, extending as far as the Appalachicola, covered with hardwood forests and canebrakes, interspersed but seldom with pine.

[22] The two letters of Macrae, here used in combination, are printed in the *Farmers' Register,* III, 179-181, 372-374 (July and October, 1835). They were dated at his plantation, Wascissa, which lay quite near El Destino in Jefferson County, June 6 and August 26, 1835.

Macrae judged the higher lands to be much too sandy for sugar-cane. In cotton, he said, they yielded adequately for a period of only three or four years, "or as long as the vegetable moisture lasts." He thought the swamp lands promising for sugar-cane, along the creeks and rivers, but he was prevented from exploiting them for this purpose by a lack of the funds necessary for the purchase of mill equipment. He fell into the custom of the country, clearing the higher lands first, since, as he said, the dearth of labor prevented the conquest of the swamps — and planted cotton. In 1827, according to Macrae, the shipment of cotton from Middle Florida had been but 338 bales, but by 1834 it amounted to 15,870 bales of increased weight.

Comments upon a nearby district in southwestern Georgia, somewhat similar to Middle Florida, were made in 1848 by John B. Lamar, a planter of wide experience in central Georgia. "Lord, Lord, Howell," he wrote to his brother-in-law, "you and I have been too used to poor land to know what crops people are making in the rich lands of the new counties. I am just getting my eyes open to the golden view. On those good lands, when cotton is down to such a price as would starve us out, they can make money." And again: "I have just woke up from a regular Rip Van Winkle nap and found every body round me advancing and I just holding my own on poor lands, that were (most of them) exhausted before I ever saw them. In my zeal of a convert to the doctrine of 'progress', I went down to Sumpter [County] and bought 17,500$ worth of choice land [2500 acres] while cotton was selling at 6 cents and land low in proportion. I have paid $5500 of that amount, and if my crop this year [at

prices which have advanced] don't pay the balance of 12,000 and leave me a handsome surplus I shall think myself very unlucky." All this concerned lands of light soil. As to tracts of richer soil and thickly growing timber, Lamar said: "Hammock land is awful to clear, so that we could make nothing on the place for nearly three years."[23]

But the soil of Middle Florida in general proved too thin for lasting prosperity. The New Orleans *Daily Crescent* reported in its issue for January 25, 1860: "During the past two or three years there has been going on quite an important immigration of planters from Florida to the Mississippi Valley and Texas. This winter we have heard the names of several of the oldest citizens of Middle Florida who have passed through this city with their slaves in search of more fertile lands in the Southwest. And we are informed that many more seriously talk of following the example of their old neighbors. . . . They say the delightful climate of Florida does not compensate the planter for the loss he suffers in consequence of the inferiority of the Florida soil as compared with the western river bottoms for the production of the great Southern staples; and therefore they are induced to seek a better field for the employment of the labor of their slaves. Those who have tried the experiment for a year or two have all benefitted pecuniarily; and it seems probable that most of the heavy planters in Middle and Western Florida will before long be drawn away from that country."

That the lands of El Destino and Chemonie were fertile is put beyond doubt by the remark of a Chemonie overseer

[23] U. B. Phillips, ed., *Plantation and Frontier Documents*, I, 176-181.

who had previously dwelt in eastern Georgia that his stunted crop in a poor year reminded him of Georgia cotton.[24] On the other hand, the frequent mention in the present records of the gathering of barnyard and hogpen manure, the hauling of leaves, and eventually the purchase of guano, tells the tale that the fertility was impermanent. And notes of erosion are given not only in explicit statements of overseers,[25] but indirectly also in the journal of El Destino mill. This record reads, under date of July 7, 1863: "All hands watching dam . . . . A verry harde raine." But the watchers were helpless. Not only did the dam break, but much other damage was done. For the next six weeks a dozen hands were engaged in repairs, in which there was included a heavy task of "digging out the mill house." Now the deposit which partly buried the mill could only have come from nearby hills; and it must have been for the most part surface soil, containing the precious ingredient humus. Though the slopes of El Destino were gentle, they were no more exempt from erosion than those of most other plantations in the far-flung, sub-tropical South. In the long run, in fact, El Destino and Chemonie seem to have proved less profitable than a third and older plantation which the Jones family owned in Jefferson County, Georgia.

[24] Letter of John Evans, July 15, 1852, printed herein.

[25] E. g., letter of John Evans, June 15, 1852.

IV. THE OWNERS OF EL DESTINO AND CHEMONIE[26]

El Destino was something of a pioneer plantation in Middle Florida. As early as 1828 it was owned by John Nuttall, a wealthy resident of Virginia and later of North Carolina, who had bought it presumably as a frontier speculation. William B. Nuttall, son of John, was that year sent to operate the plantation with fifty-two slaves, thirty-two of whom were rated as working hands. Most of these slaves were the property of John, and the rest were owned by James, another son of his. The profits were to be divided between the father and the two sons in agreed proportion.[27] John died a few years after this time; and at the end of 1832 William B. Nuttall bought El Destino and its appurtenances from his father's estate for seventeen thousand dollars — six thousand in cash and the rest on credits of one and two years, which were not fully paid at maturity.

By this time William B. Nuttall was something of a lawyer, with an office at Tallahassee, and very much of a speculator in Florida lands and bank stock. Most important of all, he had become the husband of Mary Wallace Savage, a Savannah heiress who had a half-interest in fifty-four slaves as well as other property.[28] His chief

[26] Most of the data here used has been drawn from documents among the Jones papers which are not here printed. These documents are mainly the records of extensive litigation in which the estate of William B. Nuttall became involved.

[27] In 1838 William B. Nuttall was sued by John Nuttall's executor, who stated that no accounting of El Destino earnings had ever been made.

[28] The marriage settlement, securing her property to herself and any children to be born of the marriage, was dated June 19, 1832. The wedding was next day. The only issue proved to be a daughter, Mary Savage Nuttall.

speculation was the purchase of a whole township (thirty-six square miles lying immediately east of Tallahassee) which had been presented by the United States to General Lafayette, for which Nuttall paid forty-six thousand dollars, and expected to make a profit of sixty thousand on the speculation as a whole. But his sales must have been largely on long credits, for in December, 1835, he had to raise three thousand dollars by giving a lien on his cotton crop of 1836 to his New York factors.[29] His large acquisitions of stock in the Union Bank of Florida and his copious borrowings from that bank are too intricate for us to follow. Upon his death, April 20, 1836, his many obligations were found to include mortgages not only on El Destino but also the slaves of his wife and of his mother-in-law.

At the time of Nuttall's death his wife and their young daughter were on a distant visit. The news was broken to the widow by Hector W. Braden, a Tallahassee lawyer who had shared in some of Nuttall's speculations and had endorsed some of his notes. Braden took charge of the estate at his own instance, and managed it as agent of the administratrix for a space of some five years. Now Braden was a bachelor with a neat turn of speech, a command of a few French phrases, and a considerable regard for his own interests. Nuttall's estate proved to be nearly or quite insolvent, and Braden thoughtfully paid off, with the first moneys which came in, such notes as bore his own endorsement. Hence some subsequent litigation.

Before the end of her widowhood Mrs. Nuttall inherited from an uncle, William Savage, one-fourth of the property

[29] Crop liens were rare in that period.

of which he died possessed; and by the terms of the will she was given the option of taking her share in property as it stood or in the proceeds of an executor's sale.[30] She chose to take it in the form of slaves; and she duly received about eighty of these in family groups, who were styled thereafter "the Savage negroes." To employ this corps of laborers Braden now sold to the widow, partly on credit, a plantation some six miles north of El Destino. Its name, he informed her in a letter of January, 1840, "is Chemonie, which means in free translation from the Seminole, soft and plaintive sounds or music. The pronunciation is Tshehmonee."[31] At this time he had set apart "about 50 acres in a high and pretty part of the new plantation for houses, park, etc."[32] Thus Chemonie comes into our records. In this letter Braden mingles business affairs and politics with news of Tallahassee

[30] William Savage's will, dated December 1, 1833, was that of a man with a grievance, as appears clearly in its closing sentence. It begins: "The law not making such a distribution of my property as I wish, in the event of my dying this is to be considered as my last will. . . . My property consists of the Silk Hope plantation, Genesis Point, the third part of 500 acres of pine land near Fort Argyle, and one hundred and sixty slaves, horses, cattle etc." The will bequeaths half of his property to his nieces, Eliza Parker and Mary Nuttall, in a form left to their choice. The rest of his property he directs to be sold and the proceeds divided, one-half share to his wife, one share to each of his children, and an aditional $2000 to his son William, "as an acknowledgment of his affectionate treatment of me since the departure of my family for Africa." The destination of his family in Africa and the reason for its going thither baffle conjecture. Silk Hope, however, is not vague. It lay on the lower course of the Savannah River.

[31] Chemoonic, Chamouni, etc., were variant spellings. In customary pronunciation the accent is on the second syllable.

[32] The proposed park and homestead were never established on Chemonie. Doubtless for this reason its mistress, as one of her children wrote, never acquired an affection for the Savage negroes such as she felt for those on El Destino.

society, from which he intimates the chief ornament is absent; and he asks to be told "something of your Savannah amusements." Perhaps Braden was one of these proposing; but Mary disposed of herself otherwise, for on May 18 of the same year, 1840, she married George Jones of Savannah (styled G. Noble Jones after about 1860), who bought El Destino and all but one of the slaves from the Nuttall estate, in foreclosure sale, and who was the master of both El Destino and Chemonie in the period of the journals here published.

The Jones family of Savannah and its vicinity had been prominent from the time of Georgia's founding. Noble Jones had crossed the Atlantic with Oglethorpe, not as a beneficiary of the Trustees' charity but as a volunteer colonist of some substance. He settled a plantation called Wormsloe, near Savannah, which is still the home of the DeRenne branch[33] of the Jones family, and was of note in the military and civil affairs of the province. His son Wimberly Jones and his grandson Dr. George Jones[34] maintained the prestige and enhanced the fortunes of the family. Ranking among the gentry of the Georgia lowlands, they chose their wives with a discretion characteristic of their class. They married heiresses; and although the fortunes the wives brought were secured to

[33] George Wymberly Jones, great-grandson of Noble, changed his name in 1866 to George Wymberley Jones De Renne. His grandson, Mr. Wymberley W. DeRenne, of Wormsloe, and Mr. George Noble Jones have kindly supplied some of the genealogical data here used. Mr. Leonard L. Mackall, of Savannah, has also lent characteristically courteous assistance. The name Wormsloe, like that of Silk Hope above mentioned, is a memento of the silk-growing project in Georgia's first years.

[34] Delegate from Chatham County to the Georgia constitutional convention, 1798; U. S. Senator from Georgia, 1807.

them by marriage settlements,[35] the fortunes descended eventually to the Jones children.

Dr. George Jones took as his second wife Sarah Fenwick, widow of Macartan Campbell who had sprung from a mercantile family of Charleston but who in later life was a wealthy citizen of Augusta, Georgia. There was no issue from this marriage; but some of the Campbell fortune doubtless came to the Jones family by this means. In addition Noble Wimberly Jones, son of Dr. George Jones by his first wife, married Sarah Campbell, one of the daughters of Macartan Campbell and Sarah Fenwick, who was thus his step-sister. From this marriage, which brought more of the Campbell property to the Jones family, was born in 1811 George Jones, who married Mary Wallace Savage Nuttall.[36]

When George (or G. Noble) Jones married, at the age of twenty-nine, he was already versed in plantation management through experience with an estate in Jefferson County, Georgia, of which his mother and two aunts were joint owners. This establishment was greater in scale than either El Destino or Chemonie, for in 1856, for example, it operated twenty-five ploughs and yielded nearly three hundred bales of cotton.[37] In due course Jones inherited a share not only in this plantation but also in

[35] The prevalence of marriage settlements was of itself an indication of somewhat exalted financial and social standing.

[36] Her full name is here used to distinguish her from her daughter, Mary Wallace Nuttall, who married her step-cousin, G. W. J. DeRenne above mentioned.

[37] These data are drawn from overseer's reports of that plantation, which are among the Jones papers. These reports have not enough detail to invite publication.

considerable wharf and mercantile property in Savannah, bank stock and other investments, and a cottage at Newport, Rhode Island.[38] This last he let at a rental of $1400 for the summer of 1856 while he carried his family for a sojourn in Switzerland.

As one of his children wrote in after years, this residence overseas was prompted mainly by pressure of debt and the need of an economy which could be practiced abroad less conspiciously than at home. Jones, indeed, was never free of debt from this time onward; for, running true to type as a planter, he could not resist the temptation to increase his holdings. He had now bought his sister's interest in the Georgia plantation.[39] He bethought him in the middle fifties to sell some of his slaves, and at length sold the Chemonie corps of his wife in 1860, and sold to himself as her trustee, an equal number of his own negroes to operate Chemonie in their stead. But even this transaction which yielded $13,000 for payment to his sister, did not extinguish the whole of his debt to her.

As to personal traits, Jones was of substantial and engaging quality. He rendered many services to kindred and friends who were scattered from Maine to Louisiana, though mostly clustered at Savannah. He was devoted to his children, including the step-daughter to whom he and his wife gave twenty-nine of the Savage negroes before selling the remainder. He was a sportsman, possessed of

[38] Not to be confused with Newport, Florida, a shipping point often mentioned in the plantation records.

[39] By the death of the elder Mrs. Jones and one of her sisters, a two-thirds interest in this plantation had fallen to Jones and his sister, who had married R. H. Gardiner of Maine. The remaining third continued to be owned by an aunt, Miss H. F. Campbell of Savannah.

fine fowling pieces and pedigreed dogs, and he had a cellar stocked with French wines, which were replenished after the Civil War. That he was not indifferent to farm improvement is suggested by his purchase of a Durham bull, and by his correspondence with William B. Hodgson who was actively concerned with fertilizers and farm machinery. Jones, indeed, had some thought of becoming a manufacturer; for when building a grist mill and a sawmill on El Destino he dug a canal of formidable proportions as a tail race to increase the head of water with a view eventually of installing textile machinery and selling his cotton crop as cloth instead of in the lint. Furthermore, he had enough of a literary bent to be scheduled in 1841 for an address before the Savannah Library Society.

Many of the overseers' reports were addressed to Jones at his Rhode Island cottage, the rest mostly to Savannah. In the cool seasons he made occasional visits and sojourns at El Destino, Chemonie and the Georgia plantation. His prevalent absenteeism doubtless did not conduce to the best interests of the slaves; but it is responsible for the writing of the journals, and overseers' letters here published. After the close of the Civil War he took up residence on El Destino, which removed the occasion for systematic records and reduced the data available to a sporadic and casual character. The fact that some of the negroes born as Jones's slaves dwell on the plantations to the present day suggests that he was not repugnant as a master nor his successors as employers.

To George Noble Jones and his wife were born George Fenwick, Wallace Savage, Sarah Campbell (who renamed

herself Lillie Noble instead), and Noble Wimberly.[40] George Fenwick Jones was completing his studies at the University of Heidelberg when the war in America began. He promptly became secretary to William Lowndes Yancey, Confederate commissioner to Great Britain, and during the war made several voyages to Richmond, carrying dispatches. After the close of the war he studied and practiced law at Savannah. He married Anna Wylly Habersham in 1871 and died in 1876, leaving three children: George Noble (the present owner of Chemonie), Josephine (now Mrs. J. A. Crisfield), and Mary Savage (now Mrs. Clarence G. Anderson, Jr.)

Wallace Savage Jones graduated at St. Cyr Academy and the Sorbonne, and shortly found use for his linguistic equipment in translating Alfriend's *Prison Life of Jefferson Davis* for French publication in 1867. After some public service in Florida he was appointed by President Cleveland United States consul at Messina in 1885, and consul-general at Rome in 1895. From the early 'seventies until his death in 1902, however, he was directly or indirectly in charge of the Jones plantations; and most of the post-bellum documents here printed were written by or to him. The youngest of the brothers, Noble Wimberly, who died in 1881, figures little in the plantation records. Their sister finds occasional mention in the correspondence.

[40] None of these but the eldest ever married.

V. THE OVERSEERS

The personality and policy of the master has little exhibition in the routine records, for he was the intended reader, not the writer, of the documents. The quality of his Tallahassee agent, R. W. White, is likewise little revealed. As to the overseers, each recorded regularly the doing of schedule work, and each made note from time to time of special episodes and problems, and sometimes expressed an opinion of a fellow overseer in Jones's employ. In rare cases one of them recorded his estimate of the character of some individual slave. On the whole, however, the personal equations of all concerned must be read between the lines.

Among the overseers who appear in these records the clearest figure is that of John Evans, who signed himself as of Jefferson County, Georgia, where he had been employed by Jones for two years before removing to Florida, apparently about the beginning of 1847. His contract for the year 1848 stipulated a salary of four hundred dollars together with certain customary perquisites, and contingent additional pay at the rate of two dollars per bale on any excess of two hundred bales in the year's cotton output. Evans continued in charge of Chemonie for seven years and had a second engagement thereafter, but it is doubtful that his crop exceeded two hundred bales in any year of his service. His wages were increased to $500 by 1853, and for 1855 he demanded a further advance to $600. The name of Evans did not vanish from the plantations upon the overseer's departure; for in a list of hands on El Destino made in May, 1865, there are included, "Robt. Evans, orphan, mulatto,"

aged seventeen, and Mary Evans, aged fifteen, also described as an orphan but without specification of color. The description of these as orphans means, of course, that their mother was dead. There can be little doubt of their paternity. Who the concubine of John Evans was may be gathered with some assurance from the Chemonie list of slave families, made in 1852, which credits Little Maria with no husband but with four children: Lucy, Robert,[41] Mary and Amos. Corroboration of this surmise is found in a letter of Evans's successor: "Mariah got the devel in her and walked of[f] for nothing attaul, only things are diferent to her to what they have bin in former years with her."[42] This intimates, indeed, that Mariah's relations with Evans were notorious on the plantation and that Jones was known to be cognizant of them. Eventually slave complaints against Evans, together with his overindulgence in hospitality, appear to have caused Jones to censure him;[42] whereupon, in January, 1856, Evans quit his service. Of the predecessors of Evans on Chemonie nothing can be said except that E. Harvey was in charge during most of the year 1841. Evans was succeeded by A. R. McCall, who came from a small farm in the neighborhood. Upon McCall's death in the following June his son Benjamin was given an emergency appointment. Moxley, the overseer of El Destino, now prompted Evans to apply

[41] In this list Robert's name is preceded by a "Y" which may be an abbreviation for either young or yellow.

[42] A. R. McCall to George Noble Jones, June 21, 1856, printed herein. Evidently Jones was not as strict as another planter who specified in his rules for overseers: "Having connection with any of my female servants will most certainly be visited with instant dismissal from my employment, and no excuse will be taken." Rules of Joseph A. S. Acklen, quoted by U. B. Phillips, *American Negro Slavery*, 273, 274.

for reappointment on Chemonie.[43] Jones declined his overture at this time; but in 1858 he was in charge again. Thenceforward the succession of overseers on Chemonie is unknown until after the Civil War, when D. F. Horger had a long term of service.

On El Destino, Job Freeman was in charge in 1838, during the Braden régime, at a salary of $500 a year. In 1841, N. Tucker was overseer, and wrote the first of the extant journals. At the beginning of 1847 William Wolfe appears to have been in charge; but he was replaced on August 1 by Joshua N. Sanders who continued as overseer throughout 1848 and perhaps longer. In the early 'fifties Jesse Whatley, a cousin of Evans ("Cosen" Evans called him), was in charge. Concerning Whatley there is little record except remarks by Evans, one of which was to the effect that he demoralized the slaves by requiring too little work. In 1853 Jesse Whatley was overseer, at a salary of $400. Next year D. N. Moxley, who had come from Georgia, succeeded to what proved to be not a bed of roses. His severity might have cost him his life had not Prince, the foreman, prevented the homicidal use of an axe by the slave Aberdeen. John Evans, called in from Chemonie to relieve the crisis, cautioned Moxley against excessive flogging, and on the other hand advised Jones to retain Moxley's services. This episode seems to have changed the attitude of either the overseer or the slaves, or of both; for Moxley wrote in July, 1856: "as for the people, I dont want eny better to

[43] According to Evans's letter of Sept. 2, 1856, he had now become a slave owner, and he may have remained such when he resumed functions on Chemonie. Slaveholding overseers are occasionally met with in plantation records.

mang [i. e., manage] than they have bin. I want to give them a diner one day this weak for their good work and good behavior." Moxley continued on El Destino until the end of 1857.[44] His successor, Allen Bowen, is represented in the documents by a single letter dated March 1, 1858, and printed herein. It is highly intriguing as a word puzzle; but the editors are content to have no more of his writing to decipher. Overseers did not improve in either penmanship or spelling as the years passed and one gave place to another.

The Jones properties in the vicinity comprised not only the two plantations, but, as above noted, a millsite on a stream (Burnt Mill Creek) flowing past El Destino, at which a dam, a gristmill and a sawmill were in the course of construction during the middle 'fifties. In charge of this work was Jonathan Roberson, who was for some reason styled "Judge."[45] Some letters of his are available; but the crabbedness of their script and their lack of substance, except for excuses for slow progress, make the printing of them inexpedient. The mill crew dwelt with the plantation hands on El Destino, and complicated Moxley's problem of discipline. Moxley and Evans were alike in holding Roberson in low esteem, as may be gathered from their letters herein. Roberson, nevertheless, retained the supervision of the mill throughout the Civil War.

[44] Moxley's wages for 1856 were $550. On the Jones plantation in Jefferson County, Georgia, F. Nasworthy, who was overseer for several years, was paid in 1854 at the rate of $700 a year.

[45] Roberson's magisterial experience, whatever it was, may have given him acquaintance with the law; but in the matter of spelling he was like Evans, Moxley and the two McCalls in showing neither knowledge of procedent nor respect for authority.

VI. THE SLAVES

Writing from Level Green, Giles County, Viriginia, in 1834, A. H. Nuttall protested against the sale of certain property by his brother, William B. Nuttall, and said incidentally: "If Father had have known the discontent of the negroes he certainly would have had them brought back, for he had promised to do so." No reply to this complaint is available; but a letter from William B. Nuttall to his wife suggests that he was not entirely callous concerning the wishes of slaves. He wrote, December 7, 1833: "Hannah has conceived an extraordinary fancy for my brother's Peggy, and says that she wishes to go with them to Louisiana. James is willing to take her, and says that he intends to purchase a portion of Brown's negroes and will get Fanny among them and will trade her for Hannah. Mother and yourself can say whether you are willing to the exchange. In case it is made, the bill of sale for Fanny will of course be made to Mother and yourself, so as to put her in the place of Hannah. It was a proposal of Hannah's own, and I have had no agency in it."[46] Except for such chance items there is but incidental record of the attitudes of either Nuttall or Jones toward the slaves. Concerning the mistress of the plantation the documents are silent in nearly all regards.

Among the slaves, a single one left a record strictly his own, together with a conspicuous impress upon the tradition of his master's descendants. This was William Nuttall, who was not regularly attached to a plantation

[46] Peggy was doubtless the small daughter of James Nuttall. "Mother" was the parent not of the writer but of his wife. For some reason the project of exchange was not accomplished.

but was rather a body servant and butler. On one occasion, as recorded in the Chemonie journal on October 17, 1851, he was sent on a distant errand to get mules from Georgia. A mulatto, he was the reputed son of his first master, William B. Nuttall. Famed for his courtly manner, he moved on the fringes of high society, and practised at least one and perhaps all of the genteel vices. In the documents printed herein there is a letter from him to Jones, reporting incidentally that the Florida Whigs had nominated "my old friend Gov. Brown for Congress"; and also a pledge binding him permanently to abstain from liquors. The letter, presumably written by himself and in an excellent hand, was dated July 17, 1854. The pledge, made a short nine days afterwards, bears "his mark" instead of his signature. It is readily inferable that with materials procured in Tallahassee he had ended a debauch on Chemonie under the stringent jurisdiction of its overseer. When taking the pledge at Evans's hand, he may have been incapacitated temporarily for using the pen—or possibly the letter was not of his writing, in spite of the absence of amanuensis indications.

Among the few characterizations of individual slaves are the remarks made by Evans concerning Old Abram, then in his last illness: "He was a negro that I thought a great deal of, and he has bin a faithful and trusty one ever since I knew him."[47] Intimations that certain others were at times considered indolent, negligent, untruthful, thievish, quarrelsome, abusive of their mules, or unruly, were conveyed in statements of the grounds upon which they were punished.

[47] Letter of June 15, 1855.

Punishments appear to have been recorded systematically by Evans in 1851 and 1852, but not in 1855 or 1856. The other overseers thought such items needless to record. In a few instances in Evan's journal mention is made of putting a slave "in jail" for a Sunday, and in one case he set a house servant to work in the field as a penalty for having neglected her duties; but his more common recourse was to whipping. One of his few mentions of what he considered severe punishment was a "deacent Floging" given Jacob, September 16, 1851, for having set Demps, a young boy, to work at the cotton gin, in consequence of which Demps's hand and arm were so mangled as to require amputation.[48] In connection with the crisis on El Destino in August, 1855, when Aberdeen tried to kill Moxley, Evans wrote that his own practice in whipping was milder than Moxley's; but, as he described it, his own was, in all conscience, drastic enough.

Of rewards for individual merit there seems to be no mention. Small gratuities appear to have been distributed at Christmas, and sometimes at other seasons. For example Evans wrote in his journal, April 20, 1855: "Give [i. e. gave] the People their summer clothing, money, tobacco and so forth by George Jones Esqr." There seems to have been some little earning of money by the slaves, which may have come from rice crops which they cultivated on their own scores.[49] At any rate, in each Christmas season

[48] At some time after his injury Demps was transferred from Chemonie to El Destino. At last report, seventy-five years after the loss of his hand, he still dwelt on El Destino.

[49] On the Georgia plantation some of the slaves owned sheep. Whether any of the sheep mentioned in these Florida records were ownd by slaves is not stated.

as a rule a slave was sent to Tallahassee "to buy Christmas for the people," as Evans put it; and in 1855 this was specified as whiskey. There was usually it seems, a holiday with something of a feast in midsummer to celebrate the completion of the cultivation of the crops — "the lay-by" it is commonly called in plantation parlance. And on such special festive occasions as Sucky's funeral on a November Sunday in 1852, there was an extra issue of meat.

The Christmas holidays were regularly of three days' duration. At other seasons the gangs were released for part or the whole of a Saturday from time to time, to wash their clothing, to tend their rice crops, or to rest. Occasionally a slave took a vacation by absconding, but no truancy seems to have been of long duration. A flogging was a matter of course upon the recapture or the voluntary return of a runaway.

That the negroes were not devoid of religious opportunities is suggested by a letter of Jonathan Roberson, manager of El Destino Mill, in a letter to Jones, May 21, 1852: "There was forty one 41 of your Negroes Baptised Last Sunday in the Canall above the Bridge by James Page. It was the largest Negroe meeting I ever saw — Davy and Polly and all the young set. I do not recollect all their names . . . . N. B. . . . Fillis Wallis was Baptised, and hur and Winter is down sick but not dangerous."

Apparently the gangs were at leisure on Sundays, except for some slight special tasks such as loading a wagon with cotton bales. Likewise no work at night was recorded, except for the boiling of syrup in emergencies occasioned by the frosting of the sugar-cane, and except sometimes the

making of rope to serve as plough-lines — which latter may have been in penalty for misdeeds. The workaday schedule was regular, with outdoor routine varied only by the seasons and with work indoors or about the premises in wet weather.

There are sundry lists of slaves among the Jones papers made for various purposes and with varying amounts of detail as to ages, ratings, values, occupations and family relationships. Enough of these are printed here to facilitate identifications and to permit some tracing of life histories. The prices at which Jones bought the slaves of Nuttall's estate and those at which he sold the Chemonie corps are specified respectively in the lists of 1844 and 1860. Curiously, the most elaborate listings were those made of the negroes on El Destino in May, 1865, which record family groupings, ages, ratings, states of health, and occupations at that time. The making of these lists, after the Confederacy had collapsed and slavery had ended, suggests that the plantation was little disturbed for the time being by the political and military cataclysm; and other documents confirm this suggestion.[50] The reader of the journals and letters should be aware that full classifications of the slaves were part of the mental furniture of overseer and proprietor at all times, to clothe with flesh the skeleton of the record.

On the list of working hands in 1865 the same pen inserted with a different ink and at a later time, the surnames adopted by the heads of families after emanci-

[50] As late as April, 1865, Jones made out a tax return including slaves; but instead of swearing to it and delivering it at the county court house he filed it among his private papers. This document is printed herein.

pation became effective. As slaves, each had as a rule but a single name (Andrew, Barrack, Brave Boy, Caesar, England, Esau, Isham, Ishmael, Polydore, Prophet); but when there were two or more of the same name, distinction was made by adding a parent's name (Nancy Isham, Nancy Flora), or a surname which was sometimes that of a preceding owner (Prince Habersham, Ben Jackson, John Sails, Mary Cain, Nancy Harris), or by prefixing an adjective (Big Ben, Short-foot Billy, Old Joe, Black Maria, Little Maria, Young Polly).

The main force on each plantation was divided into a plough gang and a hoe gang, each of these usually under a separate "driver" or foreman who was himself a slave. The hoe gang was customarily made up of the weaker slaves, comprising a good many rated as fractional hands and expected to perform only a fourth, a half, or three-fourths of the standard amount of work. In common plantation practice "full hands" only were assigned to the plough gangs; but in the list of those on El Destino in 1865 appear two half-hands and one rated at three-quarters. The document leaves us to conjecture whether these were assigned to slow mules or were employed on part time. Some of the plough hands were women, but most of the women were at the hoe except when partly disabled by pregnancy, sickness or old age, when they were set to cooking, nursing or spinning. Some old men and young boys were given the regular function of minding hogs, cows or sheep; and one or two small boys "toted" drinking water to the gangs in the field. In Florida summers the calls for cool water were sure to be frequent. Each plantation also had a general utility carpenter

sometimes with a "jackleg" assistant; and on each a woman was detailed as cook for the field hands. Whether part of the rations issued weekly to the heads of families were deposited in the central kitchens, or whether the dinners sent to the field were additional to the distributed rations, is not revealed in the records.

Births and deaths were commonly recorded in the journals and reported in the letters; and a summary of these was made for each year. The available statistics,[51] however, are too scanty to permit any worth-while analysis except to say that most of the deaths were those of young children. In a note by one of the Jones children in after years it is said that the disposal of the Chemonie corps was resolved upon partly on the ground that it had steadily shown no increase, whereas the slaves on El Destino had multiplied beyond the needs of that plantation. The daily sick lists in the journals were generally longer than would be expected in free groups of similar size. The probable explanation is not that sanitation was poor but that slaves, lacking the incentive of wages and the pressure of economic need, were tempted to magnify their maladies in order to procure leisure. The journals record physicians' visits in detail, and several doctors' bills are included among the documents here printed.

As to marriages, there are but chance items. Thus Evans wrote in his journal for a May Sunday in 1851: "Let Ansler take L[ittle] Peggy to El Destino with him to marry her"; and in a letter to Jones, April 2, 1852,

[51] In one year the net increase was nearly ten percent (see letter of Jones to W. G. M. Davis, January 22, 1855, printed herein); but this rate was, of course, quite exceptional.

"Jim asked me to let him have Martha for a wife. So I have gave them Leaf to Marry. both of them is very smart and I think they are well matched."[52] The only case of divorce among these records follows in the same letter: "also Lafayette Renty asked for Leaf to Marry Lear. I also gave them Leaf. Rose, Rentys other wife, ses that she dont want to live with Renty on the account of his having so many children and they weare always Quarling, so I let them sepperate. Lear ses she is willing to Help Renty take Care of his Children."

That one of the women on El Destino had a husband who dwelt in Tallahassee and was not a slave of Jones is intimated in Evan's account of Moxley's troubles in October, 1854. That another of Jones's women, at that time presumably dead, had had a distant husband is suggested by a letter from C. B. Gamble of Tallahassee to Jones on December 25, 1855—a very fitting day for such a letter: "The bearer, my father's man Stephen, has for several years been very solicitous that some member of his master's family should own his son, a boy in your possession. He has again applied to me; and understanding that you are disposed to sell your Florida property, it has occurred to me that you might be willing to part with this boy. I know nothing of his value, but will give a good cash price for him."

The response to this letter is not available, and the sequel to Gamble's overture is unknown. As a rule the proprietors of El Destino and Chemonie rarely bought or sold single slaves. Of such transactions the extant records note only that Nuttall sent one Polly to New Orleans to be

[52] For another item see Evans to Jones, July 15, 1855, herein.

sold, that at some time before 1845 Jones made a trade with Robert Habersham of Savannah, selling him Tom and exchanging Jack for Prince. On the whole, from the persistence of the same names in the records, and from the lack of indications to the contrary, it seems that for some twenty years there was very little change of slave personnel on El Destino or Chemonie except through births and deaths.

VI. FREEDMEN

The Jones records during the War for Southern Independence are too scanty to tell more than that cotton production gave place largely to food crops, that tanning and other emergency industries engaged attention, and that some of the slaves were sent on Confederate requisition to labor upon fortifications. The effects of the collapse of the Confederacy and the abolition of slavery, likewise, have little immediate record. Concerning the Georgia plantation, a kinsman at Augusta wrote Jones, July 19, 1865: "Your servant 'Davie' arrived last night, and left on his return for Jefferson . . . . He . . . mentioned that the larger part of your Jefferson force left the plantation for Savannah a few days before his arrival, headed by old Fortune. The crop there must be much injured by the unsettled state of the country." Fortune, who in ante-bellum years had been foreman on this plantation, was among its denizens after 1865. Some of his followers doubtless returned to the plantation with him. As to El Destino and Chemonie, no such occurrences are on record. On the whole, there seems to have been not

much physical dislocation of negro personnel, partly because Middle Florida was not invaded by Federal armies during the war.

What sort of arrangement Jones made with his ex-slaves just after Appomattox does not appear. But for 1866 and for some years thereafter his plan was a crop-sharing gang system. Certain parcels of land, comprising about 150 or 200 acres each, were assigned to certain "companies" or squads, each comprising some eight or ten negroes, rated individually as full or fractional hands, each squad working under a "head man." Jones, furnishing mules, fertilizer, apparatus, management, and credit for personal supplies, was entitled by contract to two-thirds of the cotton crop and an agreed proportion of the corn. The squad's share of the cotton proceeds was divided among its members according to their several ratings, after the deduction of their individual debits for supplies advanced.[53]

This régime began to break down in the early 'seventies from dissatisfaction among the negroes at the autocracy and indolence of their head men. It was succeeded by no universal plan but by a variety of arrangements with

[53] Certain statistical jottings of Jones indicate the scale and scheme of operations in this period. His Florida tax returns in 1868 reported as his property in Jefferson County, in which lay most of El Destino: 4840 acres of land, valued at $3 per acre, 40 cattle at $10 per head, 14 mules and 3 horses at $150 each, and a buggy at $100. In Leon County, which contained Chemonie and part of El Destino: 1560 acres at $2 and 2080 acres at $4, 4 mules at $75 each, 4 oxen at $50 each, and six cows and calves and a bull at $20 per head. This indicates that the Chemonie scale was then quite small.

The fields listed as cultivated by Ephraim Yeoman's squad in 1867 comprised 161 acres, of which, about three acres were in sugar cane, one in sweet potatoes, one in peanuts, and the rest apparently in cotton and corn.

individual heads of families. Some of these continued as crop-sharing tenants; others, if they could raise cash or credit for the price of a mule, rented land at fixed rates whether in money or cotton; and still others worked for wages.[54]

Meanwhile the cluster of the old slave cabins was giving place to scattered negro houses, a symbol of decentralization. Meanwhile, also, *per capita* production appears to have declined considerably below the ante-bellum level. In some cases, indeed, there were utter crop failures; and somewhat frequently the management charged a tenant's account with "time lost" or deficit of work made good by hired labor. There was occasional friction over such matters as the riding of mules at night and other abuse of live-stock. On the Georgia plantation a crisis was reported by the overseer in April, 1868: "I rote you on Sunday in which I rote that I thought it best for you to come up and settle with the hands. I also rote you about theit their conduct on Saturday. their is thirty of the[m] yet lurking about and have not yet gone to work . . . . they think that they will not comply with the contrack, and I wont yield the contrack, that is I wont consent to a[n]ything but for them to comply with it. So there is 30 trying to violate to contrack. So you will please come up at once and settle the matter, for this will not make a crop." The fact that Jones or his son were resident on El Destino presumably prevented any such crisis on the Florida plantations. There was a good deal of manoeuvering by Jones and his neighbors to swell the number of

[54] For an exhibit of the miscellany of tenant adjustments see the memorandum of tenant contracts for 1873, herein.

their respective tenants or to counteract one another's efforts in these premises. This rivalry of planters may have increased the crop-shares of the tenants.

It is evident that in the 'seventies and afterward El Destino and Chemonie were losing esteem in their owner's eyes. In 1898, when the last of the letters here printed was written, the prevalence of extremely low prices for cotton, the absence of Wallace Jones in the consular service, and the departure of numerous negroes, had left the plantations nearly derelict and the owners anxious to sell them, almost regardless of price. But no purchaser was found till twenty years afterward.

VII. UPKEEP AND OUTPUT

Returning to ante-bellum times, for which alone there is any considerable data in these premises — the mules used on these plantations were bought from outside, as were the shoes and blankets for the slaves, the bagging and rope for the cotton bales, the salt, the drugs, and other incidental supplies. The cloth, whether for slave clothing or for the sacks used when picking cotton, was partly home-spun in the literal sense,[55] and partly of "Northern" origin. The baskets for carrying cotton to the gin were woven on the place from white-oak "splits"; the mule

[55] Not only was cotton cloth made on these plantations, but apparently jeans also, of cotton warp and wool woof. The washing and carding of the clip from Jones's sheep were doubtless done by his slaves until 1855 when the Southern Rights Manufacturing Company opened a textile mill at the nearby village of Monticello. Thither in 1856 he sent 207 pounds of wool to be washed and carded.

collars were of home-sewed corn husks; and the plough-lines, used in lieu of leather reins, were of home-twisted cotton rope.

In food and feed the plantations were in the main self-sufficing before the war, for in favorable years at least their product of corn, sweet potatoes, cowpeas, peanuts and syrup, as well as of hay and fodder, answered the home requirements; and sometimes there was a small surplus of these for sale. The pork cured each winter seems usually not to have sufficed for the year's rations. Under Evans, at least, this caused no skimping, for he wrote to Jones, May 30, 1852, in explanation of his borrowing and purchase of meat: "I have a heavy crop of cotton to hoe, and the hands cant doe Full work unless they are Pretty well Fed." After the war, the scanty records tell of purchasing corn and oats by Jones, and of pork and flour, along with tobacco, whiskey, shoes, cloth, frying pans and the like, by the tenants. Many of the negroes, indeed, drew rations of salt pork virtually every week in the year from the plantation commissary, which was supplied by market purchases. There can be little doubt that the plantations were less self-sufficing than under the old régime.

The records of crops and proceeds are at all times regrettably slight. The only detailed data available, in fact, apply to Jones's Georgia plantation under the share-cropping squad system in 1867. In that year Jack's squad of 8½ hands produced 30 bales of cotton which sold for $1798.07 net. One-third of this, $599.35, divided by 8½ resulted in $70.51 as the share of each full hand from the crop. Jack and his two sons were credited with three

shares and debited with $209.86 for advances during the year, leaving them a credit balance of $1.67. Jacob and Juliet had two shares less $126.75, or $14.27 net. Jim's single share was credited against advances of $95.96, and left him still owing $25.45. Flora's one share, Abbey's ¾ share, and Lizzie's ¾ share left them owing $15.51, $31.51, and $25.78 respectively. George's squad of 9 hands fared better from a crop of 40 bales, which yielded $98.74 per share and resulted in credit balances for all members. The net results were similar for Billy's squad of 10¼ hands, producing 31 bales and earning $72.20 per share. In the case of Suky, a full hand in Sam's squad, the only debit was of $2.00 for time lost. All the other negroes in the tabulation had drawn rather heavily, in rations, clothing, and miscellaneous supplies it may be presumed, in advance of the year's accounting. On the whole these returns show but moderate productivity of land and labor. They suggest a standard of comfort little if any higher than that of slaves, and indicate an inability, perhaps reinforced by indisposition except in a few such cases as Suky's, to acquire any surplus. The scanty post-bellum data from El Destino and Chemonie suggest results even less favorable, though conditions were slightly improved after the squad system gave place to individual and varied contracts.

As to results on the planter's account, Robert Habersham and Son, who served continuously as Jones's factors at Savannah, and whose members by the way were on very cordial terms with his household, sent periodical reports of cotton receipts and sale, without doubt; but such of these as are available, even if combined with railroad

freight receipts and other chance records, are too few to invite any reckoning of crops or earnings at large.

In short, the records extant do not give a rounded view; and this is likewise true of all other collections of plantation papers within the editors' knowledge. The principal value of the present assemblage lies in its illustration of administrative problems, and particularly of the workaday routine.

A VISIT TO EL DESTINO AND CHEMONIE IN AUGUST, 1925

By James D. Glunt

Compared with some of the plantations of Middle Florida and Southern Georgia, "El Destino" and "Chemonie" do not provide much background for romance; nevertheless anyone who is familiar with the region around Tallahassee will feel that the locale generally, is charming. Rolling and heavily wooded with great oaks and tall pines, it is a pleasant contrast to the "flatwood" country. A recent visit to the two estates has made it seem worth while to describe the plantations as they now appear.

El Destino lies about twelve miles east of Tallahassee, Florida. Its lands are partly within Leon and partly within Jefferson County. The bulk of the plantation lies in Jefferson County. The lie of the land varies from rolling to flat with low altitudes, ranging from two hundred and fifty to fifty feet above sea level. The foundation for the region is "Vicksburg Limestone". Except for small outcroppings along river banks, the rock is covered with reddish sandy clay and loamy sand. The hills are usually reddish or chocolate sandy loam and clay, while the "flats" are, as a rule, quite sandy.

El Destino has a variety of soils, but the prevailing soil on the northern and more rolling half of the plantation ranges from red to chocolate colored loam and sandy clay, while the southerly flat and swampy portion contains poorer soils, sandy, with a slight admixture of humus. Muck is found around the edges of ponds and swamps.

There is a fairly wide variety in the natural vegetation. Numerous plants which put forth in spring were not seen at the time of my visit. Poison sumac, papaw, elder, witchhazel, buckeye, mistletoe, holly, saw-palmetto and blackberries were seen. Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the plant life, at least to the northern eye, is the parasitical Spanish Moss, which festoons the oaks and, to a lesser extent, the pines. The plantation is well supplied with timber, part of it virgin and much of it second-growth. According to estimates of local buyers, there are from fourteen to sixteen million feet of timber yet uncut, of which perhaps five million feet are miscellaneous hardwood and the balance long leaf and short leaf pine. Among the hardwoods, are live-oak, red oak, water oak and white oak, magnolia, hickory, poplar and both upland and swamp black gum, as well as a sprinkling of others. The pine is chiefly short leaf. A branch of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad runs through the plantation from the southeast to the northwest, and almost all of the land lying west of it, fifteen hundred acres at a rough estimate, is covered with pine. Another large section lying in the eastern central portion of the estate, comprising some six hundred acres, is in pine woods and swamp; and according to local report, has never been cultivated, although some of the timber has been cut over.

Two major highways cross the plantation. The old "St. Augustine" road, which runs to Tallahassee, divides the land; about two-thirds lies north of the road, the remainder south of it. The St. Augustine road runs from southeast to northwest, crossing a road which connects Newport on the Gulf of Mexico with Monticello, the county-seat of

Jefferson County. To reach the plantation headquarters, there was a "drive", now neglected, running northward from the St. Augustine highway, passing by a little railway station whose faded sign bears the name "El Destino". It also passes a little white church, of which more later. Continuing northward this track reaches the gates of the "Big House", at a total distance of about two miles. It does not stop there. Angling somewhat to the west, it joins the Newport-Monticello road about a quarter of a mile away. One of the outstanding features of the plantation is the magnificent stretch of oaks which line the drive on either side for nearly a mile, extending both north and south of the homestead. Tall and gracefully spreading, festooned with drooping moss, they are relics of the days of "Old Marster", for it seems fairly certain that they were set out some seventy years ago by "Uncle Billy" Nuttall, a body-servant of the successive owners of El Destino.

Among the buildings still standing, the "Big House" is the one central interest. To the seeker of plantation homes of the grand style, the building is distinctly disappointing, for although roomy, it is thoroughly commonplace. Certainly one would suppose the owner to have been only an occasional visitor, for there is little to indicate pride of residence. To one acquainted with some of the plantation homes in the vicinity of Tallahassee, or with exquisite "Greenwood", lying a few miles west of Thomasville, Georgia,[1] the impression is strong that El Destino was utilitarian and workaday.

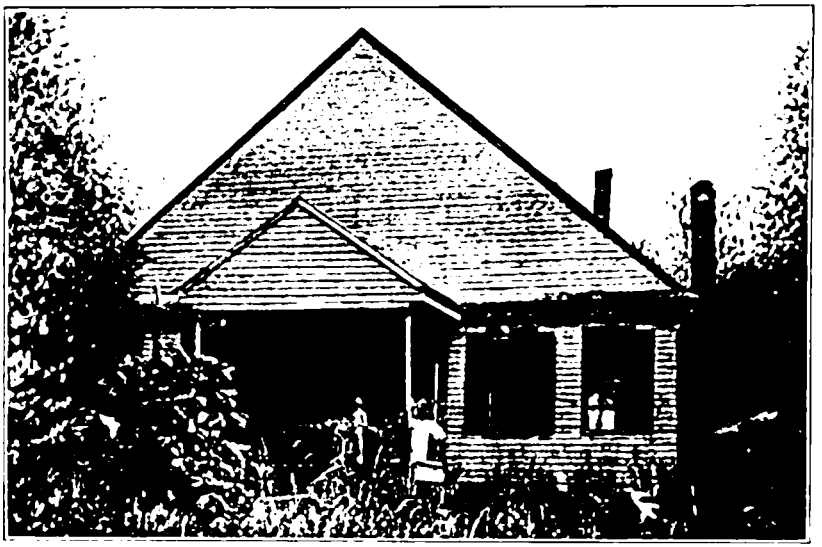
[1] Thomasville lies about thirty miles north of Tallahassee. The writer is indebted to Mr. Louis S. Moore of Thomasville for the pleasure and privilege of visiting this beautiful old Southern mansion.

The "Big House" is a square weather-boarded structure, solidly built, of one story only, with an ordinary gabled roof, which slopes from the sides instead of front and rear, giving the building the appearance of a giant wall-tent. Its severely plain lines are scarcely relieved by a small porch at the front, and a wider one at rear. The interior plan is the common one of the country, but its hall, which runs the full length of the house, has an extraordinary width.

The detached kitchen is gone, but the giant fire-place with a huge crane for suspending kettles, is still standing, its chimney tumbled down and the ruins lying near. The nearby commissary or storeroom, shaded by a large china-berry tree, is in good repair, and an inspection of its interior revealed an interesting article of household economy in the shape of a meat-grinder, composed of a narrow wooden box containing a wooden roller studded with iron cutters which bear against the sides of the box. The implement is evidently old, and was doubtless made by some dusky artisan of yore.

Back of a one-story overseers' house, which stands between the main house and the entrance gate, is a small detached room, evidently much older than the house which hides it. It is the center of ghostly activities. It appears that a darky urchin accidentally shot another in this room, and since then it has, as a matter of course, been haunted. The only other structure is the well shed, which provides protection for a deep open well, whose water is sweet and cold.

Viewed as a whole, the "Big House" and its grounds are not unattractive. If in a state of good repair, the



THE "BIG HOUSE" ON EL DESTINO PLANTATION

LIVE-OAK AVENUE ON EL DESTINO

place would seem at least home-like and comfortable. Certainly few homes were approached by a more beautiful drive, for the low-hanging arch of moss-draped trees is one of the glories of the place.

About half a mile south of the house are the "new quarters".[2] If the main entrance road has not been changed, the quarters faced upon it, with some ten cabins on either side. Of the original cluster only two houses now remain. They are in a moderate state of repair, and one of them is still occupied by "Aunt Charlotte" Pinckney, formerly one of the Jones negroes. The quarters were one story hewn log houses,[3] divided in the middle and apparently designed to house two families. At the north end of the quarters,[4] on the west side of the street, stood the overseer's house. Standing next to it on the south was the hospital, "sick house" or "sick barracks"; and in the house next door a nurse seems usually to have been lodged. Old "Uncle Demps," who appears in the records so frequently as "Litte Demps", and who still lives on the place, cast a reminiscent eye along the traces of the quarters, and named the slaves who lived in each house at the time of the war, and in most cases their occupations. At the end of the row, farthest from the overseer's house, lived Ephraim Youmans, slave foreman of the plough-gang, and opposite him dwelt Prince Habersham, driver for the hoe-hands.

[2] An older group of cabins was located on the eastern side of the plantation.

[3] The two now standing are weather-boarded.

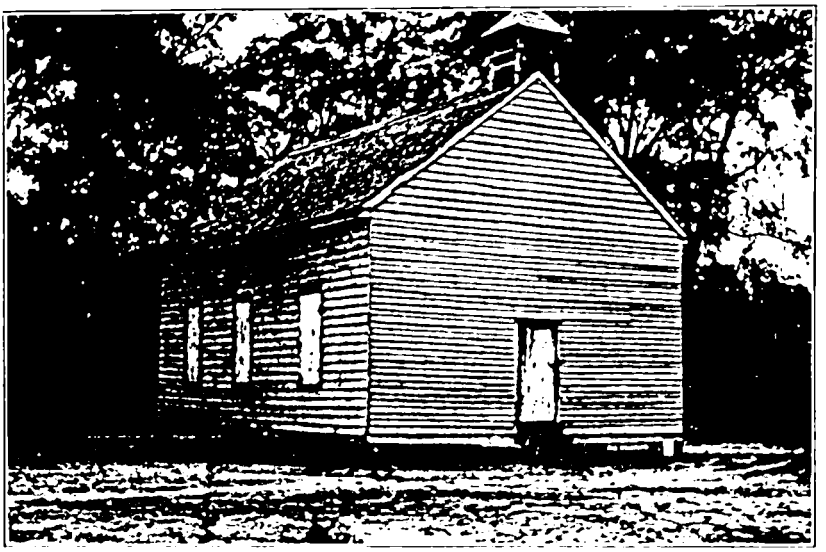
[4] The one previously mentioned is not ante-bellum.

Back of each man's house was a quarter-acre allotment of "garden patch", which he cultivated at odd times, enriching his table by such vegetables, according to "Uncle Demps", as corn, potatoes, tomatoes, collards, cowpeas, yams and okra. In addition to the allotment of garden land, the hands seem to have had the use of an acre each for corn, which might be sold at will. It seems that they were not permitted to raise cotton.

There was apparently no church on the plantation prior to 1870. The present building, which boasts a memorial tablet of marble, bears 1870 as the initial date of "St. John's Baptist Church". The building is a plain one, of wood, some twenty by thirty feet in dimensions, and surmounted in front by the usual square cupola or lantern, containing a bell. At the rear of the building is a "bay" or bowed portion, which contains the pulpit. According to local members, services are well attended. The baptistry is nature's own, in the shape of nearby streams and pools. The churchyard is not a burying ground. The negro cemetery, containing the bodies of many slaves and their descendants, lies on the eastern edge of the plantation, nearly three miles northeast of the church. Although much older than the church, nothing of note is visible, for the more ancient graves are not marked, many of them are entirely lost, and the newer ones are surmounted by stones no different from those found in many white cemeteries. Ill kept as the place is, it is no more so than many rural cemeteries of the whites.[7]

Of the remaining houses, "Uncle Demps's" attracted attention. Demps is the only male negro remaining from

[7] The negro cemetery in Tallahassee is neatly kept.



NEGRO CHURCH ON EL DESTINO

INTERIOR OF THE NEGRO CHURCH ON EL DESTINO

the days of slavery. He was raised on Chemonie, but a few years ago was given a small parcel of land lying southeast of the quarters at El Destino, and upon it he has constructed a home and outbuildings. Humble in the extreme, but not tumble-down, it houses his brood, and seems to have charms for some classes of whites. During my visit a local "poor white" of shiftless and dissolute character came to Demps begging for some bacon, a request which the old man was generous enough to grant.

The gin house, mentioned so often in the records, is entirely gone. The site, lying almost east of the new quarters, is still commemorated by the designation of the adjacent land as the "Gin House" field. This field lies southeast of the homestead, and contains about two hundred and fifty acres, much of which is good soil. East of it is the "Big Newground", extending to the eastern edge of the plantation, and containing about one hundred and twenty acres of good soil. The "Horse Lot Cut" is a narrow field of uncertain extent lying just south of the Gin House field. The "Prioleau" field and the "River" field, both containing good soil, lie south of the Horse Lot Cut, the River field lying east of the Prioleau field. The "Vass" field, now partly overgrown, lies south of the Prioleau and River fields, and contains about five hundred acres of good soil. East of the Vass field, the "Sweet Water" field extends as an ell beyond the main eastern boundary, and contains nearly four hundred acres, also good soil. "Green's" field, a tract of about four hundred acres, once cultivated but now largely overgrown, lies southwest of the Gin House field.

The soil is partly sandy, partly chocolate loam, and very good. North of Green's field is the "Ferguson" field, of uncertain acreage. The "Red Oak" field, the "Brick-yard" field and "Nobles" field, each containing about one hundred and fifty acres, lie west of the Gin House field. These fields all contain fairly good soil. The "Tilton" and the "Rose Hill" fields lie north of the Gin House field. Tilton field contains about one hundred and fifty acres, and Rose Hill field about forty acres. Of all this land, some sixteen hundred acres are still cultivable. Save for a few trifling patches in corn, and about forty acres planted in Scuppernong and Muscadine grapes, lying south of the homestead, the plantation is not under cultivation.[8]

Having its rise in a pond a little south of the homestead, the "Gin House Branch" empties into "Burnt Mill Creek".[9] It was on Burnt Mill Creek, in the eastern portion of the estate, that the plantation mill and shops were located. Blacksmithing and carpenter-work were done here, and corn meal and "hominy grits" were ground. A saw-mill was also part of the equipment. Driven by water power, the mill dam made a large pond, which seems to have occupied about eighty acres of land on the eastern edge of the plantation. The timbers of the sluice-way still lie in their places, although all other traces of the mill have disappeared. To carry off the water a large canal reached southwestward to the St. Marks River, a mile and a half away. The digging of this canal must have been a very heavy job, for it is still a very respectable trench, apparently having been as much as twenty-five feet wide at the

[8] Since the sale of the plantation in 1919.

[9] Taylor's mill, burned by Indians, gives rise to the name.

top, and capable of carrying a large volume of water. According to local report, not only negroes but Irish laborers were used in the construction of this ambitious piece of engineering.

The owner displayed a practical turn of mind in connection with his system of fences. Here and there on the plantation one encounters what appears at first glance to be a line of breastworks, which develop upon closer inspection into a system of ditches with a rail fence three feet high, laid on top of the earth thrown out of the trench. Much of the soil being sandy, the effort required to build such a ridge and fence was not too great, and the resulting formidable barriers were semi-permanent, as well as being easily and cheaply repaired.

The plantation has not only a haunted house, but a legend of "buried gold". Tradition has it that some seventy thousand dollars were once buried there. One is taken through an almost impenetrable tangle of trees and underbrush, and after much floundering, is shown a huge magnolia tree. That the legend is taken quite seriously is hardly to be doubted, for the work of pick and shovel is plainly to be seen. As yet the gold proves coy. Perhaps some local Tom Walker may yet discover it.

Chemonie plantation is much smaller than El Destino, containing all told slightly under two thousand acres of gently rolling land. Chemonie lies about six miles north of El Destino. In shape it is roughly rectangular, and like El Destino represents a compact holding. The soil and vegetation found there are similar to those at El Destino, with this exception, that most of the soil on Chemonie is chocolate loam and red clay land, fertile and productive.

Little gray sand is found. A visit to the place yields no striking impressions, for no buildings except modern ones are standing, and these are commonplace. The old gin-house, the overseer's house,[10] and the quarters, have all disappeared, leaving scarcely a trace. At present perhaps two hundred acres are under cultivation, chiefly in corn but with a bit of cotton here and there. As at El Destino, the negro houses have become scattered. A few descendants of the old hands live on the place.

One woman only proved to be of any particular interest, a daughter of Sam Sails, the carpenter on El Destino in the early fifties. Her husband is a tenant, renting some forty acres of land at the rate of six hundred pounds of cotton per year. None of the negro houses gave evidence of any unusual industry or ambition. Ramshackle and squalid, they indicate a lower scale of life than would seem proper after sixty-odd years of freedom.

Ploughing along a road deep in dry sand, cutting through an almost trackless wood for part of the way, we returned to El Destino in order to take a final survey of the human side of that plantation.

The present manager and his family are in education probably above the level of ante-bellum overseers. Indeed the manager gives an impression of alertness and ability. As to his ability to get along with the negroes, it is difficult to venture an opinion, since little of the plantation is under cultivation.

[10] Apparently there was never any other residence for white folk on the place.

The negro population is more interesting. "Aunt Charlotte" Pinckney was a child at the time of the war. She says that she was born shortly before "the Surrender." In the years of her prime she followed the plough with the men. Today she lives entirely alone, save for the presence of the household cat. Small "patches" of corn, sugar-cane and vegetables now yield her a livelihood which it would be flattery to describe as modest. In personal quality, nevertheless, she is not a typical field-hand. Her father was Ancil Pinckney, butler at the Great House at one time, and she has something of quiet dignity and refinement giving evidence of touch with old time gentility.

"Uncle Demps" Russ is distinctly interesting. As a child, he was brought to Chemonie by George Noble Jones, from Jefferson County, Georgia. Not long after he came to Chemonie he had the misfortune to lose his arm through the carelessness of a driver at the cotton-gin. Demps stoutly maintains that he was given an anaesthetic at the time his mangled arm was amputated. The incident seems extraordinary for the time and the place, but it is not impossible. After remaining in the plantation hospital for six days, he was taken to the home of a Doctor Gamble in Tallahassee, where he was treated so kindly that it was with difficulty that he could be persuaded to return. Each time the overseer[11] sent a messenger after him, he would hide until finally Evans had to come in person to carry the little fellow back home.

Demps is loud in the praises of "Old Marster" who he says had an intense antipathy for liars. Concerning his

[11] John Evans.

treatment as a child, he recalled only one instance of anything like severe punishment. John Evans discovered him in the stable one day, striking a horse with a switch, "to see him prank", as Demps put it with a twinkle in his eye. Evans whittled a paddle from a shingle, and administered a sound paddling. Recalling the overseers, nevertheless, Demps had little praise for Evans. Moxley and Horger were in his opinion just and kind men. Demps is not certain that freedom has been advantageous to him. Referring to his condition before and after emancipation, he declared, "The day I was freed is the day I was made a slave." He also believes that old people should be dignified, for he says, "One fool makes a many, an old fool worse than any."

In speaking of holiday festivals, he described the days when all the hands were feted at Christmas time. The hands lined up and filed by "Old Marster" or the overseer, receiving each a hat, a coat, a dress, or sometimes articles of lesser value. "Uncle Billy" Nuttall, with shining bald head and long nose, sat by the rum cask and issued a stiff dram to all who desired it, keeping withal a watchful eye for drunkenness.

Among the servants he recalls Robert Evans[12] as a groom about the war time, William Perry as coachman, "Aunt" Mary Constantine and Jane as cooks, Ancil Pinckney as butler, Rebecca Evans and Peggy Pinckney as laundresses. Ben Jackson, so frequently met with in the records as "Ben J. mind hogs", was a general stockman; and after he died Jim Neddicliffe (Nethercliffe), a pet servant of Mrs. Jones, succeeded him. Demps himself,

[12] The son of John Evans?

was a stock-minder at Chemonie, working under Abram Ash at first, and after Abram's death, having full charge of stock "until freedom".

Demps asserts that Chemonie produced heavy crops before the war, the hands often times being taxed to do eight two hundred foot rows of cotton as a day's task in the picking season. With cotton-seed fertilizer the corn often made twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre, a yield that may seem light to readers from some northern states, but excellent for Florida.

The old man is remarkably active for his age, and while his large brood of children might seem to be a burden, he manages to maintain them in decency. He and his wife and their flock posed for a picture, and in their Sunday best they made a brave appearance. Indeed old Demps has about him that same air of plain quiet good breeding shown by Charlotte. When he talks his replies are simple and straightforward. The courtesy and kindness with which he met every wish was gratifying in comparison with some of the newer generation of negroes who have gotten away from the soil. This simple old man, worn yet erect, deferential yet not servile, intelligent though bookless, is the red letter in the whole present-day plantation manuscript.

OVERSEERS' REPORTS AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[1]

CHEMONIE, Feb 9, 1848.

MR JONES, DEAR SIR

I send you a copy of the Journal Kept on the Place. I am getting on Tolerable well with my work. my corn land is all ready for Planting. I have not got manure hawled all over it yet. I dont think I will get done hawling out the lot manure under 3 weeks yet. I am ridgeing up land for cotton. I have about 50 acres ridged up. I will finish roling logs today. But I have a heap of cleaning up yet. I will soon commence Fencing. the little boy Wallace that was sick when you weair hear is Finely well. harriets Feet I dont think gets any better. I sent her to doct. Randolph twice. Doct. Randolph told me that she ought to stay at Tallahassee Soe as he could see her every day. the rest of the negroes is all well at this time.

I have bin quite sick myself since you left but I am some better now.

I will be ready to plant as soon as the rest of the Planters in F[l]a. I beleave that I have written you all the particulars of your Plantation.

P. S. Winter left the Plantation 4 days. I went to give him a Floging for not coming to his work in due time and he told me that he would not take it and run off and went to El Desteno.

[1] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

R. W. WHITE TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

LIPONA, [FLORIDA], August 28, 1850.

MY DEAR SIR,

Your favor of the 5 and 15 inst. have been duly received the latter inclosing draft on Messrs. Habersham for $100.

We have had a very severe gale, it commenced in the afternoon of the 23 inst. and continued until 11 o'clock the following day.

I consider your crops damaged about ten per cent. The gin house at Vass was blown down. I understand the water rose so high at NewPort that the inhabitants had to use canoes to get about. The damage to property was slight.

Whatley[2] has not quite finished hoeing cotton, he will be done in a day or so. He has 18 bales picked and has sent two loads to NewPort.

Evans[3] has sent off two loads and has 8 or 10 bales more picked. He began to pick on the 5 inst. with all hands, and has got ahead of Whatley.

I think notwithstanding the blow, your crops will be larger than they were last year if we escape catterpillar, and I have seen no sign of them other than the fly.

McNought and Ormond inform me they have not received any bagging and rope for you. There is a small lot of both at St. Marks which was sent for yesterday.

The meat gave out at Eldestino on the 28 ult. Since then I have sent over three barrels of Pork from this place,

[2] The overseer of El Destino.

[3] The overseer of Chemonie.

and have bought one barrel. A barrel contains but 190 lbs, which is but a weeks allowance. I hope the bacon will hold out better. Enclosed you have a bill from Martin, Owen and Co. for the two casks of bacon which I ordered some time since, and for a balance due them. I presume the meat is now at NewPort.

King of NewPort has presented me a bill ag'st you for $70 for lumber which has been delivered. I have declined to pay it unless so directed by you. I herewith enclose you Myrick's bill for lumber.

Powell has requested me to enquire what you will take for your Oscilla lands and whether you would sell one half of the tract?

Roberson[4] informed me today that he wrote you a few days ago giving a full account of his worke. He says he will soon require more meat. I do not know what quantity you gave him, but I fear he has used it too freely.

Evans will want more in a few weeks also.

Roberson says he will have no difficulty in constructing the frame for the shingle machine.

Ann Sails' child died yesterday of dysentery. There are a few cases of fever at Eldesteno, none dangerous. Chemoonie continues healthy. Rachal was confined some days ago, the child weighed but three lbs. when born, but is quite lively.

The distance from the front of your house to the branch is one hundred and twenty yards and from the branch to the fence on the right is ninety-three yards.

[4] The overseer of the mill on El Destino.

Madam Murat is from home and I cannot at present inform you whether she has heard to whom L. Murat's daughter is married.

R. W. WHITE TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

LIPONA, [FLORIDA], Sept. 10, 1850.

GEORGE JONES ESQ.

DEAR SIR,

Your favor of the 22d. ult. enclosing sight draft on Messrs. Habersham for $200 has been duly received.

I wrote on the 3d. inst. informing you of Janes' misconduct. I had a conversation with R. about the matter—he would neither confess nor deny anything. Jane is at Chemoonie and picks cotton pretty well.

There will be required for the use of your two plantations another year about 30 hoes, 20 axes, 12 pr. trace chains, and a lot of curry combs.

Roberson says he will want a pr. of bellows from 40 to 46 inches wide, 1 sledge hammer weighing 10 lbs., and three hand-hammers of different sizes, and an inch screw plate with stock and dies.

Forty pr. of pants have been made at El destino and there are 80 yards of woolen cloth on hand.

Phillis McQueen has not improved much, I shall send her and Flanders to New Port by next trip of the wagon. All the bagging which came for Eldestino and a part of the rope was slightly damaged, that for Chemoonie was not so.

The subscribers to stock for a plank road have met and formed a company to be called the "Florida and Georgia" "Plank Road Company." It is their intention to apply to the Legislatures of Fla. and Ga. for a charter, notice of which has been published. Should they fail to obtain a charter they will form a joint stock company. The roote for the road will be surveyed very soon. It is supposed that it will run very near Rooch's, in a direct line to Thomasville, which will carry it near Chemoonie.

The weather continues favorable for cotton picking. Your overseers are using the whippers—not having picked over the crops since the storm, the cotton is trashy. Roberson is getting boards etc for the sugar mill at Eldestino — if the rollers arrive by the 1st of Oct. they will be in time.

I do not think it will be in my power to make a visit to the North this fall. If I do, however, I shall certainly accept your kind invitation and spend the greater part of my time with you. I am having a new screw put up here, which detains me at home.

William has not arrived — I hear of many wrecks on the Gulf coasts and reefs.

Roberson has dug 10 ft. of the canal, and thinks it will take two months more to complete the balance and dig the pit.

I send an invitation to Caroline Murat's wedding, which Mrs. Murat received two days ago.

Mrs. Murat has heard nothing from Mon: Lebel since the letter which you translated for her. I suspect he has found use for the money if he has received any.

Mrs. Murat's health is not good. She desires to be remembered to Mrs. Jones and yourself. I regret to hear that Mrs. Jones has been indisposed.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

CHEMOONIE, [April 2, 1852].

MR. JONES, SIR,

I wrote you on the 20th of March and directed My Letter to New Port R. I. I will inform you that I am getting on finely Now with My business. I finished Planting Cotton to day at 9 oclock. Now the Crop is all Planted Except the Little Peace of New ground that I Cleared at the Car Place which I will plant in Cotton as soon as I get it broke and Bedded up. I have Cleared up and ditched a Nice Pond and Planted it in rice. The pond that I always Planted rice in, I have Ditched it and have got it Planted in Cotton. I have also Made a heap of Nice Fence since you left and some of it is on the Publick road. I have a splendid stand of Corn. I am at this time thining some of the oldest out. I will be Ready to goe to Ploughing and Hoeing Corn about the 6th of this Month. the First Cotton that I planted is Coming up Fineley.

I have sheared the sheep and Altered the Lambs but have Not spayed Noe Shoats yet but will Next Week if it is a good time. the team is a Little thin but will Now get Fat. I think all of My Land is Broken up so all of the hard Ploughing is done over with for this year. Minder had billious Collick and I Could Not Cure her and I was fearful that she would get worse so I sent for Dr. Randolph and he Came one time to see her and she has since Recov

ered. Randolph sed that inflamation had takein Place was the cause of My Not Curing her. he sed My Prescription was Right, the rest of the Black People is all well except Juner [Juno] and Little Joe. they Eat dirt and are bloted up I think that I have got Joe broken off from Eating dirt Now and I think I will have Juner Cured by a Nother week.

You directed Me to send you all of the Names of the Negroes on Chemoonie in Famleys which I will doe in My Next Letter which will be on the 15th of this inst. Jim asked Me to let him have Martha for a wife so I have gave them Leaf to Marry. both of them is verry smart and I think they are well Matched also Lafayette Renty asked for Leaf to Marry Lear I also gave them Leaf. Rose, Rentys other wife, ses that she dont want to Live with Renty on the account of his having so Many Children and they weare always Quarling so I Let them sepperate. Lear ses she is willing to Help Renty take Care of his Children. I will send the Load of Cotton to New Port on the 8 of this Month.

I beleave I have written you all of the News from Chemoonie. I understand that Cosen lost Jim Jones on El Destino on the 28th of Last Month with Pneumonia. I think they had Dr. Randolph to Jim two.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

CHEMOONIE, April 15th, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your Letter of the 1st of this inst was Received on Last Satterday the 10th and I Notice that you would of

Preferred that I had Planted Less Cotton. if I Can keep 18 Ploughs Runing all the time I Can Cultivate all the Cotton I have planted. I Noe it is not right to over task the team. Nor it was not my Entetion [i. e., intention] to doe it. I think I have Noe more Land Plantend then I ought to cultivate.

if I have Plenty of team I Could Cultivate 100 Acres more Land with this Force. Still it would be better to Plant Less Cotton I think and Raise More Corn and Meat and Repare the buildings and soforth. Mr. Roberson have Commenced hawling Corn from Chemoonie. he wanted me to Supply him with Fodder two but I have Noe more Fodder than I Shall Need. he Can get the 200 bushels of Corn. I dont see what he will doe with so Much Corn, he has Nothing to Feed it to but his horse and Oxen.

I Sent off the 5 bales of Cotton to New Port. I also have Received the New Waggon but they did Not Send Any Wrench with it to on Screw the Nuts with. the New Waggon is bilt on the Same Plan Pretty Much of the old one only the tyers is Narrower and the four wheels is hier. the hubs and Axeltrees is Iron and it runs Pretty heavy. I dont Like it Myself. Still it is a fine Looking waggon. I notice that the waggon was made to work with the boddy on it all the time. they will have to be New Boalsters Put on it before they Can be railes or timbers of any kind Hawled in it. I Notice that they is noe way to Alter the Cupling Pole it is Put in Like the Cupling Pole of a

buggy. Noe way to Make the Cupling Pole Long so as to Hall Long Plank or timbers.

I have Procured the hartshorn for the Mules. I have tried it in Collick and I think it is a good Meddicine for that desease. I informed the People that they had a nother young Master by the Name of Noble Wimberley. I am glad to hear that Mrs. Jones is doeing well.

I am getting on Pretty well with the business under My Charge, I will finish Ploughing Corn by Next Wednesday. then I will goe into the Cotton with the Ploughs. the Late frost made the Corn Look yellow but it is Coming to its Coler . . . [MS. mouse-eaten] they have bin some Verry heavy Washing rains hear Late which washed up a good deal of the Corn but I have replanted it and sot the Corn up that was washed down. this sevear rain fell yesterday. I have a Little Corn half Leg high and I have the best stand of cotton that I Ever have had on the Place. I Notice that they are a great Ma[n]y Grasshoppers on Chemoonie and I Can hear of them Every Wheare. I am afraid that they will turn to Eating Cotton after a while.

I have Choped out a Little Cotton but is not done hoeing Corn yet, the Ploughs Cant Plough Corn as fast as I Can hoe it. I always hoe Corn behind the Ploughs. I wrote to Mesrs. McNaught and Ormond for 3 sacks of salt, 2 Pr. hames and 2 Pr. trace Chanes and sent back the six sweeps and Recd 12 in return, he Charged you with Six sweeps, $3.75, 3 sacks of salt $3.75, two pr. of hames $1.50, 2 Pr. trace Chan's at $2.25c.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[5]

CHEMOONIE, April 30, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, Your Letter of the 14th was Received on Last Satterday.

I am getting on tolerable well with My business. they have bin Some very Cold wether and heavy rains in F[l]a. of Late which Makes the Crop Look a Little bad but since the wether have moderated it have Now taken a Start to grow again. the Cold wether killed a good deal of Cotton but Left Plenty for a Stand. the Late heavy Rains did Much injury to the Land the Lands are washed Equaly as bad as they weare Last year. from the Heavy Rain that fell on the 6th of April you will see in the Copy of the Journal that I have bin thrown back a Little with the Hoe Force from Choping Cotton on the Account of the Hard rain washing up the Crop in Places.

I have about 250 acres of Cotton Choped out to a Stand and I will have about 200 Acres of Corn Ploughed over the second time by tomorrow Night. then I Shall Commence Ploughing Cotton again. I have Not got Noe grass — the Crop is Clean the Plough team is a Mending Now. they are all in fine work order and walks briskly in the Ploughs. I have a sick Mule once and a while but I have Cured them I think. Now if I Can get to a Mule when he [is] first taken sick [I think] that I Can Cure him. I have found out a New Remedy for Collick. I Can Now Cure a Mule in ten Minutes. I rote you about the New Wagon in My Last,

[5] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

if it was my wagon I Should send it back. I would Call the New Waggon a nother Mule killer. I Put the New waggon under the Shelter. You wished to Noe when the Northern Sow will have pigs. well I have [for]got exactly the time She went to the boar. Probably you may Reckollect I told you the time and you sed that you would set it down. a sow after takeing the boar Engineraly goes about three Months and 12 days.

the Black People all keep in Pretty good health. old Cubet is sick accaisionly along but I reckon that old age is what Ales him Most. I have gave him Some Light Meddicine and have him now drinking hoar hound water.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Jones health is still improving.

P. S. I will be sertain to send you a List of your Negroes in Famileys in My Next.[6] the hard rain did Not Extend as far as Eldesteno, so I have heard. I Reckon that you have heard of the Death of Pleasant on Eldesteno.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[7]

[Chemoonee], Leon County, Florida,

May 14th, 1852.

Mr. George Jones

Sir, I am getting on Fineley with the Business under My Charge. I have a verry good Looking Crop I think. My Corn Crop Looks better that it did Last year this time. it have Frenched [*sic*] a Little I see in Places but it will

[6] This list is printed in this volume.

[7] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

Come out as soon as it gets a good rain on it. I have Plenty Corn as high as My hed. I will have by to Night Fifty acres of Corn Ploughed over the third time then I shall Plough cotton awhile. the Cotton Crop is smaller I think than I ever have seen it in Florida, but I have a first rate stand and the cotton has a verry good Coler. this is the case with all the Cotton that I have seen, it is verry small. I dont mind Cotton being small when I have a good stand. It will soon grow off Now the weather is turning verry warm and the Cotton is obligst to grow wheare it is well worked.

I finished Chopping out Cotton yesterday, and I am Now hoeing over the second time. the Cotton Crop is Clear of grass also the Corn Crop. I put My Cotton to a stand when I Choped it out so I will soon hoe over the second time. I had Cotton Forms[8] on the 5th of this Month. the Black People keep Pretty healthy. I have had a few Cases of sickness of Late but they have all got well. old Cubits health is Much better. he has gone to raking Leaves again. the People works well. they have Not gave Me Noe trouble this year. I think that they is the smartest set of young Negroes on Chemoonie to hoe Cotton that I ever have seen they are verry brisk indeed.

the Plough team is in verry good order and is Pretty healthy, also your sons Poney. I had the Misfortune to loose some of the shoats from speying the ba[l]ance of the hogs Looks verry well, also the Cattle. the old sheep is poor and they get plenty of grass to eat two but I think its from Suckling the Lambs.

[8] Cotton buds, commonly called "squares".

I Commenced using Corn out of the New Crib today. I have Plenty of Corn. I beleave I have written you all the Particulars of your Plantation.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[9]

CHEMOONIE, May 30, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, Your Letter of the 15th of this inst. have bin Received. I am getting on Pretty Well with my business. I have finished Hoeing Cotton over the second time and have about 130 acres of Corn Layed by with the Ploughs. the Corn Crop is Much better than it was Last year. the Cotton Crop is small but looks healthy Cotton is Very small this year in F[l]a. owing to the Cold Spring. the Cotton Crop is Clear of grass, we have Plenty of rain in Florida Now.

You wished Me to say some thing about El Desteno Crop. well I was at El Desteno about two weeks agoe and Cosin Carried me into his Crops. the Corn Crop Looked Verry well then and the Cotton Crop was Looking Verry well as Far as I Could see with the Exception of the Vass Place had some grass and May Pops in the Cotton but they weare in it with the Ploughs so I reckon they have Cleaned it by this time. I wish you when I write you any thing about El Desteno Crop that you would Not Say anything to Cosen about what I have wrote as I Noe Cosin would not Like my writing about his Crop.

[9] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

the Meat will Not Hold out to the Calculation wee made but the Cause of its Not Holding out I had to Start on this Crop of meat Some Month sooner than I did Last years and it taken a Little More for a weeks rashions so I Sent to El Desteno and borowed a Little until Mine Comes. I have a heavy Crop of Cotton to hoe and the hands Cant doe Full work unless they are Pretty well Fed. the Plough team is in Verry good work order also the out Stock is in good Living order. you wished me to send you My receipt for Curing Mules of Colic, well this is the receipt — take two and a Half inches of Tobacco off of a Large Plug of tobaco and tair it up and Put it into a half gallon of Cold water and throw in 4 or 5 Shovels of Hot Oak Ashes stir it up well and Let it Set 15 minutes then poor of a Chunck [*sic*] bottle full of the solution and drench your Mule with it While it is warm your Mule will be well in 15 minutes but dont Let him drink water under 10 hours nor Eat Corn Nor dont Let him Work any More that day. My Brother have bin out to See Me of Late he reports Corn Crops in Jefferson of being and Average Crop but Cotton Crops was Looking Verry small. he Reports that they had a Considerable Storm theair on the 10 of this inst which did injure the Crop Considerable in the way of blowing down trees and soforth and the Crops also the Storm blew down a great deal of Fencing. Minder had a Nother attack of billious Collick and I thought would die. I did all I New for her and Could Not Cure her so I sent for Dr. Randolph. I think if Minder Ever has a Nother attack of Colic she will be Mighty apt to die.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[10]

CHEMOONIE, F[L]A. June 15th, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR, Your Letter of the 2d of this inst was Received yesterday.

I am glad to hear that your Family is all well. I have bin Enjoying fine health untill Lately I am Now Sick but Not Confind I am able to attend to My business.

the black People has Not bin so well of Late Either. you will see in the copy of the Journal who has bin sick — Old ben the Driver it was and is Now Verry bad off with Asthma and I think it will kill him. I sent him to Dr. Randolph once and he Prescribed for ben but it did him noe good. they have bin a heap of wet wether in F[l]a. of Late which was the Cause of the Sickness on Chemoonie. I think I Notice that Most Every Large Plantation in this Settlement has got the Measles Except your Plantations and I have heard of as high as 6 deaths on one Plantation by the Measles. I am Verry fearful that they will get hear for they are at billingsleys Close by. I Never have had them Myself and I doe Expect all the young hands on Chemoonie have Not had them. I dont allow one of the young hands to Leave the Plantation Not Even to Visit El Desteno.

I have the best Prospect for a Corn Crop that I Ever have had since I have bin Maniging For you. the Cotton

[10] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

Crop is Not good it is the Smallest Cotton that I Ever have had for the time of year. the Cut worms have injured My Stand two [i. e., too]. I doe Not Like the Cotton Crop on Chemoonie, they have bin two Many of those heavy washing Rains on this Place of Late years. the Washing Rains have Carried off a heap of the Soil and the Soil will have to be Replaced by Manuring Pretty heavily before they Can be Large Crops of Cotton Made on Chemoonie again.

the Corn Crop and Sugar Cain Rice and Potatoe Crop is Just as good as I would have them.

I will Commence getting timbers for the Screw[11] Next Week Mr. billingsley would Not Come and attend to getting out the Screw timbers so I told him I Could Not give him $100 for bilding of it. so Now I am to get the timbers and he is to Put it up for $80. and Cover it in and Make a Neat Job of it. I am ferful that I Cant get a Live Oak for the Pin. I have Enquired Every Wheare and Cant find one that is big Enough.

I Expect I will have to take a White oak for a Pin if I Cant find a Live oak that will doe. White oak Makes a Splendid Pin. it would be a good plan to have the old Iron Screw Pin Carried to tallahassee and run up into Sugar Rolers. the plough team is in Verry good order. I made a fine crop of oats.

[11] I. e., the cotton baling-press.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

LEON CO. FLORIDA
July 30th [error for June 30[12]], 1852

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, Your Letter of the 9th of this Month have bin Received.

I am glad to See that your Family Continues Well. I have bin quite Sick of Late myself but have Not Losed any time by being Sick I have bin able to attend to My business all the While. Old ben dont seem to get any better. I sent up for Dr. Randolph to Prescribe for him and Since Drs. Randolph and Gamble have both bin out to Chemoonie to see ben. they Now Say ben has Dropsy and I think so My Self for he is Swoolen Verry bad. I don't think ben Can Live Long. I did all I New for him before I sent him to Dr. Randolph. the balance of the people Enjoy Pretty good health at this time.

Wee have had Some Verry wet weather hear of Late and the weather dont appear to be Setled yet. on the 26th of this Month fell one of the Hardest Rains that I Ever have Seen fall in My Life. it Commenced in the Evening at 2 oclock and Rained untill Night Just as Hard as it Could Poor. it Washed the Lands Verry bad and Washed away a heap of the Corn and Cotton Washed down Fences and soforth. the Cotton Crop on this place

[12] Jones endorsed this letter as having been received on July 1, 1852.

is Verry Sorry indeed. I have the Sorriest Cotton Crop that I Ever have had Since I have bin doeing Business and Some of My Neighbours is Worse off than I am. My Corn Crop is Verry good. I will finish getting all the Screw timbers[13] this week Except a few Peaces and the boards to Cover it. you will See in the Copy of the Journal that I have Not Hawled any Leaves of Late. weell My Cart is broken down and I will have to get it Newly Rimed and Spoked again. will have to have the wheells bilt a new. I un[der]stand that Judge Roberson is Sick now and as soon as I hear of his getting better I will try and get him to doe it up. but I had Rather hear from you on this subject first for the Judge Never Cares about working for Me. When the wheels was done up before they weare only Half done up.

I am afraid that the Northern Sow is Not with pig for it is Now time for her to have pigs. I Let the boar to her again and she Refuses him. the Northern Hogs has plenty of Exercise. I Let them Run in a big Lot. the Plough team is in Verry good work order.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[14]

LEON CO. FLA., July 15th, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, Your letter of the 23d of this inst. was Received a short while back.

[13] Timbers for a cotton press.

[14] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

I am getting on pretty well with my business at this time. the Cotton Crop has improved Verry Much Since I wrote Last al though it is Not good Cotton yet. it has Not got the Stalk Nor the fruit for the time of year sufficiently to make a Full Crop. the Cotton Crop in F[l]a. this year Looks Verry Much Like Georgia Cotton. I have Not seen any good Cotton this year. they will be more Corn Made in F[l]a. this year than they have bin a year since I have bin hear. I was at Eldesteno on the 2d of this Month and I thought that theair Cotton Crop on that place was looking better at that time than it was Last year. Still they weare a good deal of grass in the Cotton but they weare working of it in a Verry good way to get rid of it. Eldesteno Corn Crop Looked about Like it did Last year. Still I think they will Make more Corn than they did Last year.

I will soon have to Commence pulling foder Now in about a Nother week I will have to begin. I am fearful that this will be a bad year for saveing Hay, I Notice that the grass Catterpiller is Eating all the grass up. I have got all My Screw timbers got Hawled to the spot and am ready for billingsley to Come and put it up. I went to Eldesteno and saw the Live Oak that Mr. White told you that would doe for a Screw Pin and it will Not doe. it is two short. I have Enquired Every wheare for a Live Oak and I Cant hear of a tree Noe wheare that will doe. I Notice that the Meat have bin Shiped from New Orleans. I will send to Newport Next week for Some of it if it have arrived. have the trunnel hed of the gin geer bin shiped yet? I shall soon want it Now. I sent one of the ox cart wheels to Eldesteno to get it fixed and the other one I Fixed Myself so as it will doe a while to hawl Leaves Still. I have

Not Received the wheel from Eldesteno yet and I am Verry Much in Need of it about hawling Leaves. I have Not hawled any Leaves in a Long time. the Wheel that I sent to Eldesteno Might have bin fixed in one day Verry Easily.

I had the Misfortune to Loose old ben with dropsy. the balance of the hands keep up Pretty well. they is a good deal of Sickness in Fla. about Now. I Can hear of a great Many Deaths among the White People. the Plough team is in good work order and I have Not Lost a Mule this year. I think My Remedy for Collick is a Verry good one Cosin have Not Lost a Mule Either since he has used My Prescription.

all of the out Stock is in good Living order the hogs is in Verry good order they have a good Oat field to run in Now. I am glad to hear that your Family Continue well. I am in fine health Myself.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[15]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION July 30th 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, I am getting on Pretty well with My business although I have a good many Sick People along but Noe Verry bad Cases. I Enjinerly Cure them in two or three days the People in Fla. is Verry Sickly at this time. they is So Much wet wether hear is one Cause of its being so Sickly.

[15] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

the Cotton Crop have improved Considerable Si[n]ce I wrote to you Last but is Not good yet. they have bin so much wet wether it Makes the Cotton shed Verry bad and I Notice that the bowl worm is making the Cotton throw off a great many small boles but this is the Case Every year on this place. they will stop by the 15th of August is as late as I Ever have none [i. e., known) them to stay. I have about 75 acres of fodder to pull yet and then I will be done pulling. the Cotton is opening Slow. billingsley will be hear in the Corse of a week or ten days to put up the screw. I have Not heard from the Trunnell hed of the gin since I sent it to New York. I will have to have the gin teeth Sharped a Little before I gin this Crop.

I have Made a bountiful supply of Corn the Cow pea Crop is better then I Ever have had it for the time of year I want to plough all of the Cotton Crop over once more. I have received 3 Cask of bacon from New port I will Commence hawling in Leaves for Manure Next week.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[Chemonie, August 15, 1852.]

Mr. Jones you wrote me word to try and sell the New Waggon that you Sent for Chemoonie. well I have not found a perchaser yet. you also wrote to send you a bill for a waggon and you would have one made. well I was Not a Macanick Enough to make out a bill for a wagon so I had to get Judge Roberson to make me out a bill. it is a Verry good bill for a waggon but it is wrote so badly I am afraid that the wheel right Cant understand it. I

Send it Enveloped by its self. I forgot to Mention that I had about the best mule that I had down with a disease of the kidnes or something Elce. it have bin so about 5 days and I am afraid will die if it dont get better soon. the mule is in fine order two and Cant walk a step. the balance of the team is in Verry good order Except the George horse is a Little thin in Flesh. the out stock look Verry well. I Notice that the Gamble have Not arrived yet. Mesrs. McNaught and Ormond told me that they was looking for it on Wednesday Next. I bot 55 yds. of Cotton Osnaburgs from McNaught and Ormond to Make bags for the People to pick Cotton in. they have not had any bags now in two years. also I bot a Cross Cut Saw from them at $3.50. the osnaburgs Cost 9½¢ per yd. billingsley the screw bilder will be hear soon to put up the Screw. he has bin Sick is one reason he is Not hear Now. I had to send the Saws of the gin to the gin Shop to have them Sharpened. I think Coson have got the best Crop in Eldesteno that I have Seen theair Since he has bin theaire. he has improved in his Managing I beleave. I have written you all about your plantation.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[16]

[Chemonie, September 2, 1852.]

Mr. George Jones,

Sir, Your letter of the 13th of Last Month was recd. I am glad to hear that your Family Continue well. I have

[16] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

not bin well myself for two weeks and I have a great deal of sickness among the Negroes. Ben Mungin has dropsy a gain and I am afraid it will kill him and old Sucky has had Pneumonia in its worst form. I beleave that I will Cure her after a while but she has run a mighty Narrow Risk. I have not had noe doctor to them. I shall try my best to Save Mungin. Mr. billingsley is at work on the Screw at this time but gets along slowly on the account of his bad health. he is Putting me up a verry good screw I think. it will be a white oak pin and I think the pin will last 15 years at Least. I never have seen as good a pin before. the pinion or trunnell hed of the gin geer has arrived at New port so McNaught and Ormond wrote me and sed that they would send it Emediately to the Tallahassee Depot but they have not done it. I have wrote to them again to send it as I want to goe to gining. I am getting on slowly with My Cotton Picking. the Cotton opens slowly so the hands dont pick Much. they average about 100 lbs. each, on thursday Last they averaged 114 lbs. Each. I have about 17 bales Picked out or Maby a Little more. I have Cleared all the Land that was fenced in at the Car place during the wet wether Except about 7 acres. the Cotton Crop is obligst to be short in Fa. this year the bole worm has done more damage this year than I Ever have none them to doe and they have Staid Later two and they have Not Left yet. they throw off the young fruit Nearly as fast as it Comes on the Cotton. I see the Catterpiller scattered about in the Cotton but they have not Commenced theair mischeif yet.

I had the Misfortune to Loose the Mule that I wrote you that I had down sick I Cut him open and they was a

large abcess had formed on the Spine Near his kidnes is what killed him. the balance of the team Looks verry well. also the out Stock is in good Living order.

I would Like to have a set of waggon harness for Dick if it is Convienient. he has non. I beleave that I am farther behind this year gathering Cotton than I Ever have bin but I Cant help it. I am doeing all I noe. this screw hinders a good deal, and so much Sickness of Late. I have had to purchase a good deal of Meddecine this year from Lewis and Ames. it seames Like Nothing will brake the Fever hear Except Calomel, Ippecac and Qinine. I be Leave I have written you all about the business under my Charge.

P. S. the Iron waggon have broken down again. I will have to have it mended in tallahassee at the same shop that it was mended at before. two of the wheels have given out. those Iron waggons dont Last Long.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[17]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION Septr. 17/52

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR, I will inform you that I am Just getting on tolerable with the business under My Charge. I am Makeing a Verry Poor Cotton Crop and the Catterpillers is a Eating of it up at this time. I think that this will be the Shortest Cotton year that have bin in Fa. in a Long time. I hear a great Many People hear Say that they wont Make More than half Cotton Crops but I think this wont be My

[17] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

Case. I am in hopes that I will Make over a half a Crop. I think I have about 35 bales Picked out you will Notice in the Journal that it was Late before I Commenced Gining. the Trunnell head or pinion of the gin Geer Came to New port in due time but McNaught and Ormond would Not Send it up to Tallahassee as I had directed them to doe when I was at New port. I told them to Send it as soon as it arrived to the Tallah[hassee] Depot and besides I wrote to them twice after it had arrived but they did not Send it So I got My Cosin to bring it up for me in his waggon and Now I have My Lint room full of gin Cotton and Mr. Billingsley is Not done My Screw. So you see that I am bothered a great deal and Cant Send Cotton bales off Soon Like I have done years Past. Billingsley is the Slowest workman that I Ever have Seen. it will take him at Least 12 days to finish My Screw yet the way he is going on. I gave him a Little talk this Morning and he seems to Work better then what he has bin doeing. I am Makeing the best Cow Pea Crop that I Ever have Made. the Vines is Run over the Corn so thick I am a fraid that it will make the Corn rot. I aim to gather a small field of Corn soon so as to let the stock have a Fresh Pasture.

The health of the black People is Much better than it was when I wrote before. I Cured old Suckey of Pneumonia. ben Mungin is Not Much better. he has Dropsy and I am afraid he will Never get over it. I am doeing My best on him. if I could keep him from Eating and drinking so Much Water I probably Might Cure him but he will keep his old trade stealing Chickings of Nights and Eating Large baits of them about half Coocked. this is one Cause of Mungins having Dropsy.

I had to get the Screw Irons Made at Tallahassee for the Screw at David C. Wilsons Shop. Billingsley sed that his smith was the only one that he knew of that Could make them right. the bagging and Rope have arrived. I will get from Eldesteno. Cosen will hawl it up from New port. I understand that about 3 Miles of the Plank road have washed up. I received a letter from you a Short While back but have Lost it and have forgot the date of it.

I am happy to hear that your Family Enjoy good health. I have the Fever occaisionly but dont Loose any time by it, the Stock of all kinds is in good order, the hands averaged on Wednesday Last 127 lbs. of Cotton Which was the hiest average for this season.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[18]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION Octr. 1st, 1852.

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR, Your Letter with the Five hundred dollar draft of the 16th of Septr. was Received on Satterday Last. I am glad to hear that your Family Continue in good health that is more than I Can Say for I have had the Fever Pretty tight for about two weeks and I have at this time 3 Verry Sick Negroes, old Sucky and Ben Mungin and L. Mariah. I am afraid Sucky will die. you Noe Some time back She had Pneumonia and I Cured her and She went out to work for a few days then she Commenced having the

[18] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

fever and bloating up. I did Not Noe What to doe for her in [her] Last attack so I sent for Dr. Randolph and he was gone to the North so Dr. Gamble came and Prescribed for her but have done her noe good as I can Perceive. I am getting on Just tolerable with My field work. I have Packed 28 Bales of Cotton and I think I have about 20 More gined and about 4 More that is Not gined, Which Makes me 52 bales out in all. I am afraid two this calculation is a Little too stout but I Cant be far from it. I Make My Calculation from the gin. I gin three bales a day When the gin is Kep Study at work 1500 lbs. of seed cotton Now will Make a bale weighing 460 lbs. this I have tried Lately. I have Not hawled off but one Load of Cotton yet owing to one My Waggons being broke and I am Compelled to keep one waggon holme to hawl the Cotton from the Car Place as I am Picking theair Now but as soon as I finish Picking [at] the Car Place I will Hawl all the Cotton off that I have got Packed. you wished to Noe how Much bagging and Rope I would want. well I doe not Noe how Much you have ordered. I got My bagging and Rope from Eldesteno and I have Not Seen My Cosen in 6 weeks so I dont Even noe how Much he has on hand, but I will goe and see him soon and will Enquier into the Matter and will Let you noe I dont think that I shall goe over 135 bales of Cotton this year so about 850 yds. of bagging Will be a Plenty for this Place, and I beleave but I am Not Sertain, it takes about 6 lbs. of rope to the bag. the Cotton that I have Saved is Verry Nice Cotton and Clear of Trash but it will be a Little trashed now owing to the Catterpiller Eating of it. this is a Sorry Cotton year in Fa.

I saw Mr. Livingston the Man that [ma]kes your Negro Shoes and I told him that I wanted a set of waggon Harness and he sed that I should have them in about two weeks from Monday Last also I should have the Peoples Shoes at the same time.

I have Not bin out to Look for noe Mules yet. I will try and Make a good Purchase for you. I have gatherd a small field of Corn so as to Let the stock have the Peas. Mr. Billingsley have Not finished Covering the Screw yet, himself and Famly have bin Qite Sick. Mr. Christie have Recovered from his sickness, he is a Candidate this year for the Legislature. Dr. Randolph has Married again and have gone North with his Lady he Married Major Beards Daughter.

the Stock of all kinds is in Pretty fair order.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

LEON COUNTY F[L]A Octr 10th 1852

MR. GEORGE JONES,

DR. SIR, I will inform you that on yesterday they was the Sevearest Storm Visited Fa that I Ever witnessed in my Life. it Just Blew Every thing away Nearly. it blew down My gin house and some of the Negroe houses and the tops of the balance of the houses. in fact they is Not but 2 houses on the place but What was injured. I had about 25 bales of Cotton in the gin house and the Most of it was gined. I will Loose about Eight bales of that and I think

I had about 45 or 50 bales of Cotton open in the fields and Every bit of that Is blown out and Lost. I have Not 25 lbs. of open Cotton in the fields. Still they is More to open yet. the gin and Runing geer of the gin is seriously damaged and all the Fencing on the Whole Plantation is down. the Corn is all Laying Flat on the ground. the Fodder Stacks all blown down and it is distressing to Look at the damiges done on Chemoonie. I did Not get a Negro hurt. I would Like for you to Come to Fa. as soon as you Can Conviently for I am getting Sick and tired of Fa. this is the worst Country that I Ever Lived in and it seems if I Make anything on this Plantation it is distroyed of Late years by the heavy Rains and Storms.

I shall gather My Corn as soon as I Possibly Can as it is all Laying on the ground and I will have to hier Mr. Billingsley or somebody Elce to help Me Put up the gin house again. I Cant doe it Myself without a Mecanick, and the gin geer will have to be Repaird. I shall endeaver to doe the best I Can for you.

I have Not heard from Eldesteno, I doe Expect that theair gin house is blown down two for Every gin house that I Can hear of in the whole settlement Nearly is blown down and I have understood that Tallahassee is tetotialy Ruined. the People is all in Pretty good health Except Sucky and Mungin. Sucky is Compelled to die I think. I doe Not see any Chance of her Ever Recovering. Your Letter of the 28th of Septr. have bin Received. billingsley Likes [i. e., lacks] two days work on the screw yet and then it will be finished. it will be a splendid Screw. Please Let Me hear from you soon.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[19]

LEON COUNTY F[L]A. June 30th, 1854.

MR. JONES

SIR, Your Letter of the 9th of this inst. Came to hand on the 16th of this month. I am Sorry to hear of the Enferior Cotton. I am sattisfied in my own mind that the Cotton that I had put up Last year was the best that I Ever have put up for you. I have done My best so I dont noe Wheair the falt Lies unless it is in wetting the box to Make it hold More so I will Qit that and see if it will Make a differince. I have always tried to keep the dirty Cotton from the good and to pack it Sepperateley. the Crop on Chemoonie is the best that I have had since '50 they will be an abundance of Corn made and Cotton Enough to keep Me Steadily picking untill the 1st of Feby. Next if Nothing happens to it. the New Ground at Cars is all Locked between the Roes Except a Little of the old ground that was attached to the new ground. they have bin a good deal of Wet Wether since I wrote and on the 26th wee had a Considerable wind and Rain Which broke down a good deal of Corn and split open some of the Large Cotton wheair it was forked. I have Lost 2 More Mules. they died with Staggers. one of them Lived a half a day, and the other died as soon as I could get it from the field to the house. I did not have time to doe anything for it and I had two more attacked with it yesterday but they have nearley Recoverd. I think it Must be owing to the hot sun. they Commence Staggering in the Plough and Cant hold up

[19] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

theair heds is the way they are taken and dont appear to be Sick in the Least. the weather is hotter hear I think than I Ever have seen it. I have to give my Mules a Long Noon. the Mules are in good working order also the out Stock is all in Verry good order. I did want to plough some More of the Corn but I Could not doe it after the Mules got to dieing. the Corn has all bin plowed 3 times and Some 4 times Except the New ground Corn.

I have had a Little fever among the People but noe dangerous Cases Sinder was the worse off of any. I think she was threatned with Pneumonia. she has Recovered

(Sport is fat and well).

I hope to hear from you soon

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Desteneo July 10th 1854

Mr Jones

Sir your of the 20 was not received till the 8 of this inst. I had ritten to you before I got yours and directed it to Newport as you had not told me whar to writ. I Saw a letter from you that was dated the 8 of Jun Stating that you would leave in a few days for the North tharfore I have Sent tew of my letters to Newport.

I am sufferien very mutch for rain. I hav had no rain in two weakes. the Crop is failing fast. high wind and hot sun. the people ar all well today excepte Eliser has alight fever.

I am only runing 20 plowes and it is So dry and the ground So hard that I am getting on Slow. all So I give the handes 2 and a half [hours] at noon. they have behaved finley hear resently. I have now troble with [them] at this time. the plowes ar in woodes paster and the hoes in read-oak. the cotton has Stoped groing. I Shall Start the wagon to Newport to night for Meat. I hav heard nothing from the Sault and Molases.

William arived on the 5 of this instant with the horse. he is now in Tallahassee. Negrowes and Mules ar duing [dying?] rapidley.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[20]

CHEMOONIE July 31st 1854

MR GEORGE JONES

SIR I have not Received a Letter from you since you Left for the North, the Last was by William from Augusta. I am getting on pretty well with the business Left to My Care.

The corn Crop is good. the Corn that was Subsoiled is the Sorriest Corn I have and I cant account for it. still I shall Make plenty of corn. the Cotton Crop has failed Verry much Since I Last wrote. it has not grown any in a Long time. the cause is it has bin two dry. the cotton is suffering Verry bad at this time for Rain the cotton is shedding its fruit. Still they is a good deal of grown and

[20] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

half grown fruit on the Cotton. I want to plough all the cotton over after I get through pulling fodder. the Cotton has bin kep Clean all the year. I have had noe grass. the Rains has bin Verry Partial this year. upon the Road about Tallahassee they have some 2 rains Every week. I am sorry to state to you that I have 3 pretty daingerous Cases of Sickness on the plantation. Sinder has dropsy of the abdomen and old Sucky has disintary and England has fits. I doe not noe what Can be the Cause of Englands having fits. he was Verry hearty When he was first taken with them and they Commenced getting worse on him so I thought it proper to Send for Dr. Robertson and after the docter Come I got him to Look at Sinder and old Sucky. I have Practised on all of them and I was a Little on easy about them so I thought it the best to get the docters advice. I Notice that the docter did not alter My prescriptions onley he give them a few drops. I bled England and put a blister On the back of his Neck and give him a dose of Calomel before I sent for the docter. the docter sed if I had not of done What I did for England he would of died before he could of got to of seen him. the balance of the people Looks Verry well. I have had two births since you Left and they are doing well. the plough team is fat. the hogs, cattle, Sheep and goats Looks well. I have not heard from the bull yet, Doctor. I have hunted Every Wheare for him but cant find him. I am thinking that this fellow Berton Smith killed him. doe you think it best to advitise him? I mean advitise the bull. the Sugar cain Looks fine and potatoe Crop. I beleave I have writtin you all the particulars of your plantation. I will finish pulling fodder about thursday or friday Next

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[21]

El Destino Florida, August 6, 1854.

Mr Jones

Dear sir I send you another coppey of my Journal tho I regret that thar is Somutch Sickness with your people at this time tho I am glad to say to you that thay air all on the mend today and none of them very ill.

I thaut this morning that I should loose Coatney. Yesterday Coatney Filles Veanus Eliser all fainted in the field from over heeat it being the hotes day wee have had hear but all the rest of them seamed to gain strength verry fast except Cotney. She seam to ceap Sinking till this morning. She can walk about now all So Lin and Di was over heated but not so much onley just to weaken them. those other cases is feavor tho modriet. the rest of the people are all in fine health aspeseley the children.

Polley has got a case of the whites and has had it ever since the case of fevor she had in June but she kept it consealed till Wednesday last. She Seames to be mending.

Mealer [i. e., Amelia] Seames to be lingrin for som time all so Mari[a]h wee have had a few days of the hotes wether that I have ever experienced. I have had a fine rain this afternoon and the wether has changed.

I have saived som fine foder this weak out of pralow and spring cut. I am puling at vas plase. the Corn what I have puled foder looks fine all so the cotton crop is good and it seames to be groing finly at present and is bold well all but the gin hous field. it is still the lowbush. I am out of Corn I sent to Evens yesterday for Corn And

[21] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

he sent me 26 barels in the Shuck. with what I had it made 24½ bushels that is gon to mill today and is the last.

I have 3 barels of meat yet and I loned the Judge[22] som he is out. I have had nothing to feead the hoges with in som time and som of them looks bad. I puled a lod of Corn today for the Stock. the mules has stood the plowing fine. I shall writ to you again if the people should git worse next week. I beleave that I have gon throu the hole proseedings

P S The people ar all better this morning and now new cases today. Mr. Jones pleas send me Webersters Medical Dictionary as I cant git one hear. all so tell Mrs. Jones to look in the testement that she loaned me for a letter of mine and pleas send it to me.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[23]

Leon County F[l]a August 15th, 1854.

Mr. Jones,

Sir Your Letter of the 31st of July was recd on the 13th of this inst by the way of Eldestino. I was verry happy to hear from you and to hear that your Familey weair well. My health is Pretty good at this time Excepting a slight hed ache that bothers me at times.

the Black people that was sick when I wrote on the first of this month has all Recovered theair health. old billy

[22] "Judge" Roberson, overseer of the mill on El Destino.

[23] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

and Cubit is a Little sick at this time. I am getting on pretty well with the field work. I finished pulling and taking up fodder on the 7th all Except the New ground. I have put up 45 double Stacks. I have Fodder Enough to Last a year and a half. the Cotton Crop has sufferd verry bad for the want of rain and is suffering at this time. the drought has made the Cotton shed verry bad and have Rusted a good deal of the Light Lands. I still hope of making a Fair Crop of Cotton if I can get Rain in the Corse of a week. the Cotton Weed is verry Low but is full of boles. Mr. Christie thinks I have a much better Crop of Cotton than I had Last year. I shall Qit working the Cotton after this week. I have about seven bales picked out. I will try and send Load off the Last of Next week if I can get Rope. I Notice your Remarks about bagging and Rope it will take about 900 lbs [24] of bagging and 900 lbs of Rope to pack the Crop of Cotton. I Let Eldestino have 26 Flouer barrels of Corn was all I Could spair. If I had of bin done ploughing I could of spaird him more. but I New it would Not doe to give all my old Corn away and to feed the Mules on New Corn. if I had the mules would of had Coleck. I was at Eldestino yesterday and I see that they have plenty of rain theair. Looks Like they have Not sufferd this year for the want of rain. the Mules Looks well and out stock. I beleave I have written you all the particulars of the business under my Care. I have Cleaned out the gin house and yard and have Everything Neat about the gin house. I will have to bild a house up theair to put planting seed in. I have give Chesley Permission

[24] As regards bagging which was customarily bought by measure, not by weight, "lbs." was probably written in error for yards.

to Marry Molly, Sarahs daughter. I would Like to Noe if you object to it. I have put up a New house for Chesley.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[25]

El Desteno Aug. 22th [sic] 1854

Mr. Jones

Der Sir yours of the 31 has bin received som days ago. I was glad to hear from you and to hear that all was well.

I am sorry to Say to you that wee have had So [many] Sick tho I am thenkful that wee are all well at this time except Melier and marih . . . [MS. torn].

I cant tell how mutch Baggan [i. e., bagging for cotton bales] and rop[e] I Shall want tho I Can Say a nuf for 200 bales. I wish you would Send me a box of axes as soon as you can. I am out of meat I shall be oblig to Sind for Som. I Shall Send to newport tomorow for the rope. I have lett Mr. Evans have the roul of bagon he only let me have 20 bushels of corn. I have got 56 bushels from Newport. I have bin feeding the mules on new corn. the Stock all in a thriving condition. wee have had Som of the warmest wether that I ever have experenced tho the raines has comenced and the wether has moderated. I have nothing new. times ar dull. Cropes are good. I beleave I have hear of now deth in the Settlement.

the brestin [i. e., breasting] of the gin is very mutch worn. I expect that I shall have to git another.

[25] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[26]

LEON COUNTY F[L]A August 31st 1854

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your Letter of this Month was Received but I have Mislaid it Some wheairs and I have forgot the date of it. I am sorry to hear that the Colery [i. e., cholera] is so close to you. I think I should get a Little further from it. I am glad to hear that your Familey Continue well. it is remarkable healthy in Fa at this time. Noe sickness except amoung the drunkards. they get sick this warm wether. Mr. Williams overseer killed himself drinking whiskey of Late and I Reckon you have heard of Mr. Noah Thompsons death. he died in the New Yourk asylum. I am getting on Pretty well with the business under My Care. you see in the Journal that I sent a Load of Seven bales of Cotton off on the 25th of this inst. the same date of the first load Last year. I Suppose I have about 10 or 12 bales More out and will send a nother Load off on Satterday 2nd of Septr. the Rope have not arrived at Newport yet. I had to borrow a Coil. I Could of sent a Load of Cotton off sooner if it had not bin I had to wait for rope. I am afraid wee shall be botherd for the want of rope. I am having some good Cotton picked and put up this year for the New York Market. I send you a small Sample of it. let me noe how you like it. I have more open cotton in the field at this time than I Ever have saw for the time of the year. I think they must be at Least 35 bales open now.

[26] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

the Cotton weed [i. e., plant] is not doeing much now. they is but Verry Little fruit Making I Mean young fruit. the Cotton is Suffering for Rain at this time. I am still in hopes I shall make a good average Crop of Cotton for I Never have had so Maney grown boles in the Cotton before and this is one principle cause of the Cotton weed not growing any later and not having much young fruit on it at this time. the hands dont pick Cotton well yet. they is a few of them that pick Verry well the balance dont so I have bin pushing them up a Little and Esaw and Little Dick has runaway on the Strength of it. if I dont push now in picking I will be Compelled to Loose a heap of Cotton for they is so Much open Espeshialy if they should come a storm. the People are all well. the stock of all kinds is in good order. I am in better health Myself than I have bin in 4 years. the Docters all say they will have to Leave Fa they Cant get any thing to doe. England got over the fits and it doeing well. I am Verry much in need of 2 Sacks of salt and I want about 2 kegs of 8 penny Nailes. I will write you in about 7 days from now again. I sent the first Load of cotton to Tallahassee.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[Autumn of 1854.][27]

Sir

I have packed 37 bales and have made a neat Estimate of the balance that is picked out and find I have 5 bales

[27] The original is undated. The season is indicated by the allusion to cotton picking; the year is conjectural.

more, the hands is picking better than I Ever have had them to doe. I send you a list of a few of the best waits [i. e.,weights] that was picked yesterday and they did not goe to picking untill Eight oclock in the morning. L. Marier 242 lbs., biner 240 lbs., Martha 210 lbs., Poldo 212 lbs., braboy 220 lbs., Die 210 lbs., Mr. Moxley sent Die up hear because he could not get her to work. I have not had the Cause to strike her a Lick. I wish he would let her stay hear She will work for me without any trouble.

I averaged today 170 lbs. of Cotton a peace.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[28]

[El Destino, September 8, 1854.]

Mr Jones

Sir I beleave that I have given you alist of the proseedings for the last two weakes. I have sent off 7 bailes of new cotton and one peas of old cotton. I have bin indevring to have the cotton put up rit tho this that I have sent did not look as well as I wish. the gin has given me a good eal of troble. the bresting was worn so that the Seed and moates went throu. all gin choked and curdled the cotton tho I have the bresting down so that the sawes runes in a new place and it dos mutch better. tho it dos not gin as fast as I can pick I am in hopes that the next load will be better. the cotton has not got cream cullor hear that it has in Ga. It looks of a blew cast or rather dark. I am

[28] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

not prepared to say what is the caus yet. I shall send off more next weak.

I have just receivd the roap and meat. the bagon [i. e., bagging for cotton bales] has not com yet tho I have bagon anuf at this time. I let Mr. Evans have 7 Quiles [i. e., coils] of the rope and I cept 8. I am picking cotton in Woodespastor, going over the second time. the cotton is not opened as fast as it is doing som places. I was at Mr. Evanes the other day and I think that he has 50 bailes open in the patch. I think that I have 25 out. it seames to be a hard matter for those people to pick cotton. I have not mad an avrage of 110 yet. Boy Jack and di has run-away. for picking from 85 to 95 I maid prince give them both about 30 [lashes] apeas yesterday and they left. but I have Jack in gail. Di is out yet tho I think I shall git her to night.

The health of the people is as good as it has bin hear-to for. I have a good many cases but none of them bad as yet. the chiles and feavors has comenced. I mak them tak abit before thay turnout in the morning and when I have a bige dew I ceap them choping round the quarter till Sunup. the wethr has bin very warm and dry. I am wanting rain now but I think that the top crop of cotton will be short. the Stock is thriving at this time Sheap hoges cattle Mules.

Coatney is on the mend but she has bin quit low. I have hear at the gin to fill baskets. Polley has bin quite sick since I rot to you with feavor and she is going about now but I have not put her out yet. the rest ar all in finest health. I should like to see you in the South again. I hop that you will com soon.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

LEON Co. F[L]A, Septr 9th 1854

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR After my best Respects to you and Familey I will state to you that I am well, also the black people with the exception of 2 Light Cases of fever on the plantation which will be well by tomorrow.

I am getting on verry well with my business and have Caught the two boys that run off and gave them a light Floging and put them to work. the Cause of Esaws and Little Dicks Runing away was this, Jacob and England and Nathan had made a plot to Leave if I should attempt to Flog them for picking Cotton[29] and persuaded those two boys into it. So I gave Jacob and England and Nathan a Floging a peace. they acknowledge they had done wrong so I let them off Lightly.

they is the dryest and hotest weather in Fa. that I have ever experinced. All the water coses have dried up and the Cotton Crops Looks bad. I notice that the Cotton does not get out of the wilt by ten oclock at night. the Cotton Crop in Fa is obligest to be short ones unless we have a great Change in the season and that soon. I still hope of making a pretty Fair Crop of Cotton myself if I can save it. I Never have had so much open Cotton before for the time of year. they is at least 75 bales of Cotton open now on Chemonie. Mr. Moxley was to see me yesterday and he sed that he never have seen so much open Cotton for the time of year. So you see if I have bad weather some

[29] I. e., for failing to pick the required quantity of cotton.

of this open Cotton is obligest to be Lost. Mr. Moxley ses that I have got more open Cotton than he will make. he did not get the fruit to stick on his Cotton as I did so in Consiquence of this he was able to get a Large weed but no boles much. he will make a very good Cotton Crop on Eldestino from what he ses, if it is a Late fall.

My object in writing to you is principly this—it is not a great while before my term will be up with you. So I think it is always best for both Parties to noe in due time what wee will doe a nother year. I am poor and Expect to foller overseeing a few more years and I think it is to my intrust always to noe in due time what I am going to doe a nother year, So if wee dont agree to Live to gether why it will give us both a Chance to Look around We both are Pretty well acquainted with each other now and I Like the way you have your business Managed and I am sattisfied to doe business for you a nother year or Four more years. I will Just Leave this with you. I will make this propisition — if you will furnish me Plenty of such provisions as the plantation affords, Give me Six hundred dollars and allow me the same Priviledgs you have always ben giving me I will Live with you Four more years if you want me, and you may put Just as maney hands hear as you are a mind to. if you will give me this I never shall ask you to Raise my wages any more. I have ben overseeing now Eleven years and I think I ought to have as good wages as some of the Rest of the overseers in Fa that dont manage any more hands than I doe. I have bin living with you now Eight years Nearly and I can say more than the most of the Fa overseers, that I never have had a Cross word with my Employer. Not Flattering of you, I can say

with a Clear Conscience that I have bin studing your intrust for the Last Eight years. Pleas answer this Letter soon, and whether you hier me or not you may depend upon me attending to your business Promptly untill the Last hour that I stay with you.

they is one thing or two that I have left out of my Propisition it is this, I forgot to name that I wanted you to furnish me the same Cook or some of the Rest of the women on the plantation but I prefer Sucky to any of the Rest. and a nother thing I forgot to mention is this, Should I take a notion to marry you must give me Leaf to get a wife. I dont noe that I shall Ever marry but I mearly mention this so wee will noe what to depend a pon. I would not think of getting a wife without your Consent. I think if I had a wife I could get along better. I would have some one to help Nurse the Sick women and so forth.

P. S. Your Letter of the 24th of Last month have bin Received the rope have arrived.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[30]

LEON COUNTY FLORIDA Septr 15th '54

MR GEORGE JONES

SIR, You will find enclosed a Copy of the Journal kept on Chemoonie. I wrote you Last week about the business under My Care and about a nother year and soforth. I am getting on pretty well with the business Left to My Care.

I have about in the neighborhood of 40 packed bales of Cotton. I have sent off 22 bales and will send 8 more

[30] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

tomorrow which will make 30 bales sent off. I made an Estimate of the open Cotton that was now open in the fields and I find I have 176970 lbs. now open in the fields. if I Can pick the Cotton out before it waist [i. e., wastes] I am now in hopes of Makeing a good Crop of Cotton. I Notice that the hard Rain that fell Last night nocked out a good deal of the Cotton.

Chemoonie have suffered Verry bad this year from the drought. the pea Crop and potato Crop and Cain Crop is Verry much injured owing to the drought. the Cow pea Crop is the worst off of the three. I notice the Cotton on the road to Tallahassee has nothing on it. they have fine weed but noe fruit on the Stalk. the overseers on the road ses the Cotton boles rot as fast as they Come. those people have not sufferd for rain this year. I think the Cotton Crops is Compelled to be short in Fa in places. I Recd a Letter from Jefferson Last week from My brother. he ses the Cotton Crops is Verry Sorry and he does Not think they will be more than half Cotton Crops made in his settlement. I have found Docter the bull and Some boddy has altered him and Cut his tail off. I found him on Lake Miccouskie Near Col. Alstons plantation and have not bin able to get him home yet. he has become so wild he runs right into the Lake when I attempt to drive. I shall take some of the boys tomorrow and try to get him home. I think I shall be able to find out who Altered him. I rather think he was alterd in the settlement is one Cause of his going off.

the hogs is all in Pretty good order. I have 275 hed of hogs. up to this date I have Lost a good Many Shotes died with staggers. it has bin a bad year on hogs. you

see the drought killed all the grass nearly and dried up all the water Coses. the Cattle and sheep Looks well. you have not told me what to doe with the wool. the Mules is fater than I Ever have saw them. you will have to have at Least 5 more mules on Chemoonie a nother year to Cultivate the Land as it ought to be. you have not sed any thing to me about Chemoonie Taxes. I see the tax assesor is a going to Close his books before a great while. I beleave I have written you all. I am well and all the people.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[31]

[El Destino, September 21, 1854.]

Mr Jones

Sir Yours of the 29 inst was read the 9 of this inst all so yours of the 6 has bin reseaved. I should have ritten to you before this but I have bin waiting to git a gin and try it to see how it would preforme before my ritting. I put one up on trial last tusday. the preformmance has bin fine. the gin is one of Mr. Pops mak, 50 saws, he warentes it for 100 dollars I went to Tallahassee on Saturday last to git one and thar was no saw gins in town. I went to Dr. Robertson and inquired of him and he sint me to your friend Houston and he recomended me to popes gin. he told me that he had got one himself and that it was doing fine work so on Monnday I went to Mr. Evans and he went with me to the Shop about 6 miles from him and I Selected the gin.

[31] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

the Judge[32] would not go with me to town to git a gin he had Some business with Picket and becaus picket did not go he would not go himself. I see from the tener of your letter to him that he has ritten to you that he put the gin in good order. I am sorry that he has maid such a mistake. it is true that he sharpend the gin very well but there is something elce to do to a gin besides Sharping. I think that I have a bail in every teenn [i. e., a bale in every ten] with the gin I have now and git one bail more in the day besides. it makes much the best cotton. the old gin naped the cotton I have received the rope and meat tho it is very por. I can scarsley cord with it. you wished to no how mutch one of the quiles [i. e., coils] will pack. the rule for packing is 6 bls [i. e., lbs.] to the bail. those quiles will way about 60 bls but this first two quiles was so badly damag that it did not mak 10 bales. I should of sent them back if I could have don enny better. I hope the next will be better. I have heard fro the Baggon [i. e., bagging].

wee have had a drouth that has cut off the fall crop of cotton very muth. I spok something of the drouth before but then I thawt I should [have] rain in a few days. I have had a fine rain today but it is two lat to do the cotton enny good. you said that I comenced picking cotton two lat. I now it was gitting lat but how could I comence sooner without the cotton had open? the handes did not avrag 10 lbs apeas when I comenced to pick and if I could [have] had rume in the gin house I should have bin up with the cotton at this time but I had to stop and brak

[32] "Judge" Rolwerson, overseer of El Destino mill.

corn so the gin could ketch up but I have at this time 11 bales in the house but I think that when I git up I shall be able to ceap the house clear. the health of the people is better at this time than has bin in som tim. Coatney has had another attact from eating durt. it seames lik it is imposable to ceap her from it. I have got the water from Newport for her. she is able at this time to hand Cotton to the giner. all so poley has got well, the child of Philes died very suden. it died in 6 hours after first taken. I was at the gin hous when they sent for me and when I saw it it was ding.

I have had the plowes [i. e., plough shares] put away. Turn plowes 23, Swepes 35, corn plowes 20, cotton shovels 22, Scuters 14, points 10. I think you will nead about 10 turnplowes and about 15 corn-plowes Scuters 15 pointes you had better send 50. I wish you would send me a corn Sheler. I shall want to shel corn for the hoges. we have had bad wether today

I will be glad to see you com South. I think it would be to your intrust to com. the corn that I have getherd turnd out well. it filed the new crib the pralow

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JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[33]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION, FLORIDA,

Septr. 30, 1854.

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR, Your Letter of the 20th of this inst. Came to hand yesterday with the two drafts Enclosed one for $600. and

[33] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

the other for $250. I cant pay your taxes before Next Monday and teusday on which days I will pay Chemoonie and Eldesteno tax. the business of the plantation Calls my attention at home Just now so I cant Leave. I have some dirty Cotton on hand that I am obliged to attend to today. Mr. Wray the Man whom I perchased Mules from Last year is in Fa. Now with a fine Lot of Mules and his prices is from $130 to 150 and 175 dollars. I offerd him $600 for 6 of his good mules and he would not take it. I think it is the best to wait untill about December, I then think they Can be bought Cheap. I saw a Man from Kentucky of Late and he ses that they have not got anything in that state to feed stock on, he ses the Grass fields is all dried up from the drought. I Rather think you could by mules Cheaper in Georgia then you can in Fa. this year, it will take Least 4 mules to doe Chemoonie a nother year and I could find plenty for 5 to doe but could make out on 4 good ones. I shant by any mules untill I hear from you again so I will keep the $600. draft untill further orders.

I am getting on pretty well with the business Left to My care. I have out about 60 bales as near as I can Come at it. I have packed 49 bales and sent 46 to the Depot at Tallahassee. they have bin some right hard winds and Rains in Fa. since I Last wrote, which has Caused the Cotton to be blown out, that is a good deal of it and it will be Lost, a heap of that which is on the ground, before I can pick it up. the Late rains has caused the cotton to Look bad. I doe not noe what is the cause of the cotton hear in Fa. Looking so bad. When it is open a good while in the fields it gets a kind of a dark Coler and I think it is owing to the big dews that wee have in Fa. the cotton that I am

saving Now is not good but I am trying to Make it Look well as I can by thrashing it with Rakes, I would thrash it on the thrasher but the thrasher Cuts it to peaces so that I think it injures the Staple. the Staple of the Cotton is very short this year and the Cotton seed is not grown. this is owing to the drought, so people May Look out for bad stands of cotton Next year. if they dont save plenty of planting seed they will Miss a stand of cotton. the health of the plantation is good, the work team is in good order and the out stock is Looking well.

I am proud to see that My Management have given you Sattisfaction. when I find I can pleas My Employers it is a sattisfaction to me. I will wait for your Arival in Fa. and if you think the plantation — [Remainder missing].

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[34]

El Desteno Oct. th 8, 1854.

Mr. Jones

Sir yours of the 22 has bin reseived Som time ago and I regret that you did not git my letter in due time. I send you a coppy of the jornal with [this] you will find that wee have had Som Sickness tho nothing Seris, Coatney is on the mend at this time. the cotton I think have improved Som Since I roat to you before. wee has had a few raines that Seam to do good tho it is very dry at this time and windy. the cotton boles seames to have a dry rot abuit [i. e., about] the time thay git half grown. the Samson

[34] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

that brought the bagon was caught in the gail [i. e., gale] and the baggan was damage McNaught Sent for me to see it and I refused to take it, and it was sold at oxsion I had it bought in and I think that I can yse all of it and it allso, I received a trunk and Chest and cask of sault but it is not the kind of sault that I wanted for Stock. it will do for pickling meat; I wish you would send me Som rock sault for the Stock and I would be glad if you would git a corn Sheller, for I Shall want to Shell corn for the hogs when I put them up, an and it will save corn and time. they have Som fine ones in Tallahassee. if you will git it I will build a house to put it in so that cant git broak.

I have had the black Seed cotton Saived. I beleave that it will turn out better than the other cotton. what Shall I do about gining of it? I have heard today from those peaple that runaway. they went rit Strait to Tallahassee and was put in jail. Prince told me this morning that he heard that it was aplot maid 10 days ago by them that they was going to Jail if he whip them enney more about thar craps, tho I cant tell yet. I cant tell what is the matter with those peaple. I have bin with Negroes for Somtime, and I never have knowe nor heard tell of thar runing away to be put in Jail befor.

thar is Somthing rong about it but I am not able to See it yet, but I think that I have got on the rit track. I think that thar is Som of the old heades of this place that is causing all of this troble, and Som of That crew from town is at the head of it.

I am trying to repar the old houses and building Som, but I am gitting on Slow. I Shant beredey for ditching in Som time yet, for I Shall have to Clear up those branches

to See whar to cut the ditches. I want to comence on the pond branch down at the lower fence and clear it to the pond, and ditch it, So that it can be cultivated. all the Newground I want to comence at the road continuer to rosehill.

Mr. Jones

Sir Since ritting the above I have found out whar those peaple ar. they came hear to Tallahassee or that is they went to Dr. Davis, whar tom Stais, and the Doctor Sent them to Jail, and last night I caut [i. e., caught] Venes coming to tawn, and I caut her and went to put her in jail, and She broak to run, and I caut her, and Aberdeen caut oup a ax to Strik me, and prince prevented him. I have don nothing with him yet but I intend to git Mr. Evans and give him a basting. I have heard since I came to Town that Jim Page and his crew has bin the cass [i. e., cause] of all the fuss, and Thom that has got Dealer for awife he was the cass of thar bing put in Jail. I will let you hear from me before long. I am on well [i. e., unwell] at this time.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[35]

Chemoonie Florida, Octr. 18, 1854.

Mr. George Jones,

Sir—enclosed you will find a Copy of the Journal of the business under My Care I am getting on pretty well with my business, I have packed 79 bales of Cotton and

[35] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

would of had more packed but I am out of Rope. I had to get a Coil from Mr. Argyle of Tallahassee. Mr. Moxley sed that he was out and they was noe more at Newport so I thought it best to get a coil and pack out My Lint room for fear they might Come a Storm and some accident Might happen to the gin house. I Shall send to Eldesteno today again to see if the rope have Come. the Rope that I got from Eldesteno was Verry inferior Rope, it was not strong it broke Verry bad. the cotton have waisted a great deal in the fields owing to its being open so Long and I Cant Make it Look good now. you see I have to pick up a good deal off of the ground and its Verry trashy and dirty but I am trying to doe the best I can with it. I am fearful that the New York people will find falt with Some of it but I Cant help it. the Cotton that I am Now picking is not dirty but has a good deal of fine trash in it. the Cotton is Verry Light now owing to its being open so Long, in Consequence of this, the hands dont pick so much, but I always make allowance with them When the Cotton is Light. I Never Look for heavy weight as I doe in the first of the season. the Cotton bales that I have packed Will average about 600 lbs. which is better then Last year up to this date.

I hardly noe what to Say about the cotton Crop now. the bole worm or the dry wether will not Let many of the boles of Cotton Mature. they dry up Nearly as fast as they Come. I am begining to fear that the cotton Crop will not be as good as I thought for at once [i. e., at one time]. this is a bad year in Fa. for Cotton it has bin so dry. Still I have a heap of open Cotton yet in the field. all of the Car place is as white as it can be and the 30

acres Next to Mr. Smiths and gin house cut, and it will waist a good deal before I can pick it. I never have had so much open Cotton to Come on me at a time before this year.

the plantation is healthy. I have two cases of sickness today but they will goe out tomorrow I Reckon. the stock of all kinds Looks Verry well. people are Suffering in Fa. for water. theair wells are nearly all dried up and all the ponds and branches is dry. I have plenty of water in the pond on the Road yet but the well is so near dried up that it is all it will doe to afford water for the people. I Received a Letter from Jefferson about Eight days agoe and my Brother Stated that they had bin a storm theair and had blown out all of the open Cotton so from what he writes the Cotton Crop will be Short theair. I beleave I have written you all the particulars of My business.

Mr. Moxley Called on me Last week to goe to Eldesteno and see him Whip one of the Mill boys, Aberdeen, he Sed that he went to Flog or put aberdeens Sister in Jail and She Run and he Caught her and aberdeen took a ax to him but did not use it, the driver kept him from it. I went down and saw Mr. Moxley give him a genteel Floging which I think he deserved. Aberdeen acknowledge that he did take the ax to Mr. Moxley. they was 4 of the women Runaway from him and went to Tallahassee and got in Jail which Cost Moxley about thirteen dollars to get them out and Lawyer Davis Examined them and Reported about town that they was badly Whiped, which is not so. I examined theair backs Myself and I did not see any thing that was cruel about them. also Mr. Blocker and Demilly Examined them in Jail, So they told me. they Say that

they weair not Cruely Floged. this man Davis is a sort of a queer fellow, so people tell me about town. the Cause of those women going to Tallahassee is this — this Negro tom Blackledge that has Dealier for a wife on Eldesteno Coaxed them off. this man Davis has Tom hiered, and the women went to toms house and the Jailer heard that they weair theair and he went and got them and put them in Jail. I dont think that Mr. Moxley treats the negroes on Eldesteno Cruely When they don't deserv it. you noe that the negroes on Eldesteno have not bin at work for the Last 4 years so Moxley has to be pretty strict on them to get any thing out of them. I think Moxley is a good planter and would treat the negroes well if they would behave themselves. they is but one thing I see in Mr. Moxleys Management that I dont Like and it is this, I think when he Flogs he puts it on in two Large doses. I think moderate Flogings the best. When Ever I See that I have Convinced a negro I always turns him Loose. I always punish according to the crime, if it is a Large one I give him a genteel Floging with a strop, about 75 Lashes I think is a good Whipping. When picking Cotton I never put on more than 20 stripes and Verry frequently not more than 10 or 15. I find I get along with this as well as if I was to give them Larger Whippings. I think if the Mill hands was kept studdily at work it would ad to the Quarters at Eldesteno. Mr. Moxley ses that the Mill hands dont get to work before an hour be sun [i. e., by sun, after sun rise] some mornings, and negroes is this disposition, if they see negroes around them Ideling why they want to doe so two. I Mearly write this becasuse I think it is My duty when I See any thing a going on wroung in Fa. on

your plantations. When you Come out you Can See for your self. I think Mr. Moxley is the Right kind of a man for Eldesteno, Except the Large Flogings. Mr. Moxley Ses if they is not a alteration at Eldesteno he wont stay a nother year. I told him not to get disheartened for he would find you to be the Right Kind of a man.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[36]

El Desteno 21 Oct. 1854.

Mr. Jones

Sir your letter came to hand yesterday and I was glad to hear of your good health and allso the health of your familey. I regret to hear that you did not receive my letter in dewtime. I think that the peas you Sent to me is very flatring, tho I do admit that I beleave that the provision crop is a nuff to do and allso the health of middle Florida has bin good, but I can say that I have not Secan what I would call a first rait crop in the Stait, or in other wordes what I would call a full crop. you wish to know how the corn has turndout. well I think that I halled in out of pralow 1000 bush, Sides what was maid use of before gittering [i. e., gathering]. that I[s] all the corn that I have pulled in. in refrence to the cotton I have packed 89 bales. I have Som over 100 picked.

I am in hopes that you will be pleased with the quality if not with the quantity, tho I regret to Say to you that I

[36] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

never have had as hard work to git cotton picked and that don in good order befor. it seames that those peaple was determe to not pick cotton. I have not maid an avereag of more than 130 this year.[37] I Judge that you have Seean from the tener of my letter of the 9 Som of the proseedings, I have never knowe just such Stepes before. those peple that went to talahassee I Sopose left hear to be put in jail. I am presuaid to beleave that they war put up to do it, for they war about 10 days talking that if I war to whip them for thar cotton that they would go to Town.

I Say to you agan that I will be happey to See you again at the South, for you have sufferd injustes by the indulgence of your peaple at the mill. I regret to Say to you that things have bin differentley managed in your Absents to what they war in your presentes, So I Shall Say no more on the Subject. you can See for you Self for I dislike to Speak at long taw.[38] I prefer fais to fais [i. e. face to face]. I have bin oblige to tell your mill handes that they had to leave the quarter at the Same time those poaple did that is in my Charge. I have Seean them going to thar work when the sun was one ouer high, and that more than once.

and this is the caus of my having the truble that I have. I Sopose that you have received letter or letters about my treatment to your peaple, I ask of you only one thing and that is thar names and that I hope you will give me. your peaple will be hear to Sho for thar treatment. all that I ask is thinges in thar true collers. if John Argyle or John

[37] I. e., an average of 130 pounds of cotton picked per laborer per day.

[38] "At long taw" was a phrase used in a rustic game of marbles, meaning at a distance.

Evans tells you that I have mistreated those peaple you had better See to it, but if Som of the Abolitionist of Talahassee writes I dout thar integrity, tho a nuf of this. the health of the peaple has bin midlen [i. e., middling]. no bad caces Except Ephram, and he is on the mend. I wish you would bring me A Watch when you com, Silver Leaver as you can git a better one in NewYork than I can by hear.

I Send you a Sample of the cotton that was gined today which I aut to have don Somtime ago, I hope to See you Soon.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[39]

CHEMOONIE, Nov. 1st, 1854.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your letter of the 10th of October have bin Received. I am glad to hear that your Familey Continue well. I hope to see you and your Familey soon at the South. my health is verry good at this time, also the Black People is verry healthy and Looks well.

I am progressing slowly with the business Left to my care. I have bin picking peas and so forth which has thrown me back in the Cotton picking. I havent packed but 95 bales of Cotton yet and have about 12 more in the Lint room already gined. I have a good deal of open Cotton in the fields yet to pick. I shall goe over [i. e., exceed] Last years crop of Cotton but how much I am not able to say yet. I have onley sent off 78 bales yet. I shall

[39] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

commence hawling off again tomarrow. the Cotton bales are sent to Messrs. Beard and Denham as fast as they are sent to the depot. I have bin to the Depot and sean tha ajent. I have picked 80 bushels of ground peas [i. e., peanuts] and I shall pick about 65 bushels of cow peas which will be a plenty seed peas. I like the Ground pea better than I doe the Cow pea. I onley dug two acres for 80 bushels, and in picking Cow peas I had to pick 15 acres to get 37 bushels. so you see they is a vast difference in the yeild. it is a hard matter to make the Cow pea in Fa. on old Land. the burs is so bad they over grow the pea and kill them. the burs dont hurt the ground pea. they will grow any wheair.

I have not bot noe Mules yet, the prices Continue high yet. I think they will fall about Chrismas. I have gathered but verry Little Corn yet. the Corn dont turn out so well as I thought for. on examining the Corn I find they is a heap of ears that have but verry few grains of Corn on the Cob, a good deal of it is what is called scatter grained. I shall make plenty to doe, the mules Looks well, the out Stock have fawlen off. they is nothing for them to eat in the woods. the hogs is all in the ground pea field and is doing well. I beleave I have written you all.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[40]

Nov. 8, 1854, El Destino.

Mr. Jones this is anacret [i. e., an accurate] copy of my journal, only more condensed than hear to for, owing to

[40] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

my health and Buisness. yours of the 24 cam to hand 4 of this instant and I see from the tener of your letter that you had rather Beleave those who hast don you unjestis than to lisen to those who have Studed your intryst and have acted uppon the Same. I wish you would just ask that man Davis for his atharty, all so why Your peaple went to him. if you have apointed him your agent I wish you would apoint another overseer, tho, as my feelinges are not in aproper Stat for writing, from the maner in which I have bin treated, I Shall Say nomore on the Subject.

You Seam to dout my writing to you on the 8, I can say to you that I ritten a part on that time and in concequence of my not knoing whar the peaple was I waited till the 10 before I closed, which I can Testify and allso others with me, tho non of ous has bin as Smart as your friend Davis.

In regard to your bisness I am gitting on Slow and imposable for me to do enney better at the present time. I have Sent off 111 Bailes of cotton. I am tring to getter [i. e., trying to gather] the corn at Vass. I am working on the road to that place and Building Bridges (I thot that it was a greead upon that the judge was to Build me abridge).

the peaple are at this time sufring very mutch with cold, as a generl complaint. the cattle dose not look as well as I wish them in concquence of the wether. the hoges lookes as well as can be expect — all the objection thar is not anuf of them. Daniel is out yet and I exect will Stay out for Somtime, for the peaple has incurged it all they can. I hope to See you South Soon So that thinges may show for themselves.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[41]

CHEMOONIE F[L]A. November 16th, 1854.

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR — Your Letter of the 27th of Octr. has bin Rec'd. I am glad to hear that your Familey are well. the People on Chemoonie is all well Excepting bad Colds. the recent Change in the weather is the Cause. Biner is sick from Cold and old betty with a bone fellon on one of her fingers. I am getting on tolerable well with the business. I have packed 106 bales of Cotton and I have about 10 or 15 more out. the hands dont pick Cotton well now owing to the Cotton being open a good While and being trashy. I noe the New Yorkers will find falt of some of the Chemoonie Cotton this year but I cant help it. I have done My best by it. Eldesteno Cotton will demand the best price. Mr. Moxley kept up with his cotton in picking. So he was obliged to put up a good article. they is a good many green boles on the Cotton yet but I am fearful a great Many of them wont open. wee have had two stout frost[s] in Fa. which has killed a good deal of cotton. as soon as I finish picking Cotton at the Car place I Shall Commence gathering Corn and wont stop untill I finish. I Shall Commence in about 4 days from Now. Mr. Moxley was to see me this week and I had a talk with him about Punishing Negroes. he agreed that I was Right but in the Meantime I did not Let him noe that you had written to me on this Subject. Mr. Moxley ses that Mr. Davis has bin writing to you about him. they are getting on Smoothley at Eldesteno now from what Mr. Moxley ses.

[41] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

I think Mr. Moxley is disposed to treat the people on Eldesteno Right Excepting What I wrote to you about the Large Whipings. but I Shall have to ask you to keep this to yourself.

I think you wont get a better overseer on Eldesteno than he is. I Look a pon him as being a good planter and it takes a pretty Resolute fellow on that place for the hands has not worked on Eldesteno in four years untill this. I beleave Daniel is Runaway yet from Eldesteno.

Well you wished to noe what quantity of Tools it will take for a nother years crop. I would like to have 12 of Maybers No. 60 Ploughs with 3 Extra points to them and about 30 points for the turn ploughs. I have on hand, 6 pr. of trace Chains, 1 Log Chain with a Ring in one End and a hook in the other, and Spades and shovels Enough to keep 4 hands Employed in ditching, Say 4 of Each, and I shall want about 4 kegs of 8 peny nailes and one of 20 pennys to put up houses with is all that I Can Reckolect. the stock of all kinds Looks pretty well.

I hope to See you in Fa. soon.

18 scuter ploughs, 7 inches shovel ploughs sweeps, this goes with the bill.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Desteno No th [sic] 21, 1854.

Mr. Jones,

Sir your letter of the 31 cam to hand the 9 and I am glad to learn that you are on the way South again.

I send you a coppy which will in form you of the health of this place and your people. I have lost som time from

Sickness tho I have had but one stubern case and that was Colec which held to Clary purty tite. the health of the people is better at this time than it has bin this year before, all so the Conducte of the people. I have stoped Page from coming hear. I have bin som time cutting out a road to vas place and puting up a bridge across the canel. I thaut you told me that the Judge wood bild that bridge and I went to see him and he told me that he could not so you see that this is the way I am treated in your absentes. I have finished it all to a feew plank which I have to wait for till Thirsday before I can comence to hall the corn from vases.

I have all of the cotton out that is readey, pease picked, sugar cain put up, groundnuts dug. I am digin potatoes today. I have packed 127 bailes of cotton. we have had Som fine froastes hear. now I hope you will hurry on. I have nothing of intrust to writ. the Stock of hoges is in fair order the Cattle dos not look well.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino Dec 8, 1854.

Mr Jones

Sir Your letter of the 19 of Nov was riseived the 26 of last mounth uppon which informing me of my Imprudence to you without a cass [i. e., cause]. after a time of reflection and Serene Meditation I agree with you that I was inerror with out provacation.

first in the first place for miss constrewing your letter of the 4 Secondley for calling into question your punctilious word which was not proper under the circumstances.

for Striking over you at Mr. Davis. therefore I regret the Impropriety of this writing so as to wound the feelinges of my best friend without cass [i. e., cause].

tho I am glad to say that it was not intensionley tho at the same time gave the provacation for at the Same time I had the warmest feealing for you and your best intrust therefore I hope this will be acquivalent to the letter of the 8.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO D. N. MOXLEY

El Destino, Dec. 18/54

Mr. Moxley

Sir Your letter dated 8 inst has been received in reply to mine of the 17th Nov.

I am pleased to find that upon serious reflection you are of the opinion that your letter to me of the 8 Nov. was not proper under the circumstances, and that your good sense has enabled you to admit it. I never intentionally wound the feelings of others without a cause. I require the same in return and particularly from those who are in my employment.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO JOHN EVANS

El Destino Jany. 1, 1855.

Mr. John Evans,

Sir, The last year of Mr. White's Agency he received from Chamounie Two hundred bushels of Corn.

Did you as my overseer sell it to him, or did he as Agent request you to furnish it?

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE, January 8, 1855.]

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your note of the 6th of this inst. was Received. the Corn that Major White Received from Chemoonie in 1850 was ordered by him. I did not Sell it to him. he Either wrote me word to Let him have Corn or told me so verbialy and I wont say which and I let him have two hundred bushels and 6 lbs of butter at the same time. you noe in the order book that you gave me in 1847 that I must obey all lawful instructions from Major White during your absence from Florida as he was your agent. Well I tried to please the Major and let him have the Corn being he was your ajent, I was not orthorised that year to Sell any Corn from your self nor the Major. if I had of bin I Could have sold several thousand bushels for one dollar per bushel for Corn was verry scarce that year. Some of my neighbours had to pay one dollar and 12½ cts per bushel for Corn that year and hawl it a long ways. I send you the dates of the month that I Let Major White have Corn . . . .[42] if you will look at the copys of the Journal that I sent you in 1850 you will see that this Statement is correct and it can be seen on the Journal at Chemoonie that was kept that year. I let the Major have six lbs of butter in 1850 July 10th his orders. I let Eldestino have one hundred and eighty nine bushels corn in 1850 two Major Whites orders.

[42] The omitted portion is a list of eight deliveries of corn in June and July, 1850, of 25 bushels each.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO R. W. WHITE[43]

El Destino, Jany. 9th, 1855.

Dear Sir:

I presume before this you have had time to refer to my letter to you in reply to yours informing me of the Corn which you had received from Chamounie.

I have refrained, until now, from repeating the request then made in my letter because I have been aware that Corn Crops for some years past have been light. I am happy to learn from you that at present you have a surplus of two thousand bushels for sale. I therefore presume it will be perfectly convenient for you to comply with my request.

P. S. I enclose a copy of a letter received from Evans.

R. W. WHITE TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

January 12, 1855.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9 inst. enclosing a copy of one from Evans was received yesterday. My letters etc. are at [illegible] where I seldom go, and have not been able as yet to refer to your letter.

I am pleased to find from Evans' letter that there was a surplus of corn at Chemoonie in 1850, for besides the 200 bushels which I sold Mrs. Murat, it seems he let El Destino have one hundred and eighty nine and yet had enough for the plantation. I have made a large corn crop every year since 1850 and if I mistake not offered to sell you corn in

[43] From a signed draft.

the winters of '51 and 52. I do not therefore feel under obligations at this late hour, to let you have corn at 50cts.

If however you are in want of corn at Chemoonie, and will pay 8 per cent interest on the money from the date of the sale, or will make me a Deed to the land which I entered for you with the money, I will take the trouble to go in the neighbourhood of Chemoonie and try to purchase 200 bushels for you.

Evans must be mistaken as to the price of corn in 1850. I bought corn that year from Col. R. H. Gamble and others at 50 cents pr. bushel. If you had have refused to secure the land or money in 1850 I would long ere this have replaced the corn.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO W. G. M. DAVIS[44]

El Destino, Jefferson County, Florida,

January 22, 1855.

Dear Sir

Messrs. Anderson and Houston did me the favor to investigate the conduct of my overseer, Mr. Moxley, in relation to the four women who fled to your house. I regret you could not have been present. I however placed before them your letter to Mr. Robinson and yours of the 18 Dec. to me. The letter referred to in yours to Mr. Robinson was never received.

I send you a copy of the report of the gentlemen above mentioned, also of a letter from a respectable citizen of Jefferson County, Georgia, with whom I have been long

[44] This letter is printed from a signed draft. The portion within brackets was stricken out by the writer.

acquainted and whose services I have desired to have. He did me the favor to send me an overseer, as his own engagement did not permit him to serve me. As you may not have retained copies of your letters I also send others to you.

It has always been a source of great anxiety to me to protect my negroes from unnecessary punishment. I pay the highest wages in hopes of obtaining good overseers. [On large plantations where more than a hundred negroes are together, it seems necessary to observe a stricter discipline than with a smaller number might be sufficient. That my negroes have not been seriously injured by the punishment they have received may perhaps be evidenced in their general appearance and in their natural increase which in the last year has been over ten per cent, in a gang of 120, there having been but three deaths of infants and 14 births and no instance of miscarriage.[45] I should be pleased at any time to see you at my plantation and show you every part of it.]

With many thanks for the interest you have shown in my people I remain etc.[46]

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[47]

El Destino Plantation, Fla May 11th 1855

Sir I send you the copp of the jornal in full. wee have had som sickness since you left ous and one deth Martha

[45] This part of the draft has been interlined in a puzzling manner. Jones's reckoning of percentage is a little wrong on his own showing.

[46] This sentence seems to have been intended to replace the part crossed out, as described in Note 44.

[47] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

young child with diorehar. Severl of the people have had an a tact of it and New money [i. e., pneumonia] to gether. I have bin Quite Sick myself with diorhear but I am on the mend at this time.

wee have had a fine Season Since you left. we had a good rain the day you left hear on Friday following a good Season and then on Monday it comenced raining by 7 o'c in the fournoon and continued till 11 which has given ous a fine Season. wee are going on Slow. 20 of the plowes will finish the river field at the Vass place tonight. the other six are in the Spring branch cut siding cotton. Prince is in little brick yard thining cotton. the Mules is about as they was whin you left and the rest of the Stock all to one oxen that I found in the pastor ded the morning you left.

the wether has bin Quit cooal for a few days past. I have reseived from Newport 3 cask of meat 4 bariels of molases. the corn at vasses Seames to be groing finley all so in prelow the cotton all so is doing well if it was thined.

[P. S.] Little Phillis and Caroline is sick at this time. Caroline has the depression of the mencyes.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[48]

El Destino, May 25, 1855

Mr. Jones

Sir I regret to say to you that wee have had the Sevearest hail stormes that I have Seean in a long time

[48] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

and with it the hardest rain that has falen since I have bin in Fla. the readoak brickyard and house field has Scearsly got a leaf left on it. the cotton crop Seames to have Suferd three times as bad as the corn crop. I dont See how it is. the corn Seames to be Stratning up and the hail has not torn the corn mutch.

I have bin setting up the cotton today and putting up fence. I have not don eny thing with the loges and bresh yet tho I am glad to Say that on account of the dry wether thar was not a grat deal of timber fell. the oates is all flat on the ground but I am in hopes that they will straten up again.

the Shead on the west sid of your dwelling is blown down and the pailens round the yard is all the damge that is don theer. wee have had som little feavor now but it eales [i. e., yields] amedatly to medison. I have agloomy prospect before me. it Seames all most dishartning to farmers when wee witness Such Seanes. I bleave that I have Sed all that will be benefiseal and prehapes more.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[49]

LEON COUNTY FLORIDA May 31st 1855.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR I have not herd from you since the 22d of this inst which was by william. I have written you two letters before this directed to New port R. I. I received the colt baldy by william, he was in thin order when he came back. I will take good care of him and have him in good plight

[49] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonic journal.

by the time you come out in the fall. Mr. Moxley beged me to loan him the blind poney for two weeks, to hal corn to his hogs and attend to the stock upon I suspect. I Loaned him to Mr. Moxley on the condition that he had to have him well taken care of and not rode out of a trot. it is a thing that I dont doe to Loan a mule or horse that is left to my care, but being it was all your property I thought you would not care for a cople of weeks.

I am getting on pretty well with my business. I am laying by the corn at this time with the ploughs. I shall have 110 acres Layed by to night. the corn crop has improved verry much since the rains set in. the cotton crop on Chemoonie is good and clear of grass but they will be a thick coat of grass up in a few days. I shall plough about half the corn now, and then I will plough half of my cotton, is the way I shall have to work to keep back the grass. I will finish hoeing all the cotton over the 2d time this week except the 30 acres of old land at cars. I have a few cotton blooms out. I have a prospect for a heavy crop of corn and cotton. every thing Looks promising on Chemoonie in the way of corn, cotton, potatoes, Sugar cain, ground peas, Rice and so forth. they is but one falt I find of Chemoonie crops and it is this I have planted two much. I cant work over fast enough, still I can cultivate it and keep it clean but the right way is it should not stand two Long. it ought to be worked every 21 days. I beleave I could plant 50 acres Less and make as much as I am making and more if it is well worked. Still I can cultivate 50 acres more than I am cultivating and keep it in about the same order that I keep this. I am glad to see that we have plenty of rain now. on thursday the 24th they was

a considerable storm passed through Fa but it skiped Chemoonie. the wind blew down the peoples fences, the rains washed their lands verry badley and they have had a great deal of hail with it, which beat the cotton Leaves off and tore the corn blades to peaces. this hail storm did not skip me more than 2 miles. I understand that it went through Eldestino but what damage it did I am not able to say. I have not had a bit two much rain myself. I would like to have a nother good rain in the corse of a week. the plough team is fat, the out stock thin. the people is all well except Biner is sick with this diarhea but I have got it checked on her now and think she will soon be well, they is a great ma[n]y Negroes died this summer with this disease in Fa. one of my neighbours Lost two negroes Last week with it. Cotney works well and is healthy and wants to marry Nathan.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[50]

LEON COUNTY FA., June 15th, 1855.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your letters of the 28th of May and 30th was received. I am glad to hear that you found your Family well and that they still continue so. I have Missed the chills and am in good health also the people are in Verry good health and Looks well. Poldos wife Marier broke a Vein in one of her legs but it is now well. she is in the Family way was the cause, I suspect, Veins being tight and full of blood.

[50] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

old Man Abram was taken Verry ill Last night and he has had, I reckon, 100 spasms since he was taken. I think that this will carry the old fellow away. I notice about a week back that his speech was Verry Much affected. I thought then his time was not Long. if it was so that I could have my wishes Supplied I had rather give up a [i. e., any] negro on the place than Abram. he was a negro that I thought a great deal of and he has bin a faithful servant and a trusty one ever since I knew him.

I am getting on Verry well with the business left to My care. I have finished Laying by corn and sowing peas. I have a Verry good corn crop. will Make plenty of corn. the cotton Looks well Except the Gin house cut is not good cotton. it is Verry Lowsey [i. e., lousy] and small in places and I notice the Lice have damaged the Stand in places in that cut. the balance of the cotton is as good as I would have it for the time of year and getting Verry full of fruit. the cotton on the fresh Land is Locking between the Roes in places (at cars).

I have the best ground pea [i. e., peanut] field I have ever seen. the sugar cain Looks Verry well, also the Rice. the potatoes is not good yet. I have neglected to work them one working, still it is not two Late yet. I have a good Maney [potato] Vines to set out yet. if I have seasons of rain in due time I do not apprehend any dainger but what I will make plenty of potatoes to do the plantation and your Family.

My crop is all in Verry good order except about 50 acres of cotton that has a Little fine grass which will be destroyed in a few days. I was up at Tallahassee a Short while back and I never have seen Such sorry crops on the road

and grassey ones. I understand that Some person has advertised all of Mr. Crooms crops for sale. they are the grassiest Crops that I ever have seen. Mr. Andersons corn on the road near by town is in a bad fix two and wont Make more than 4 or 5 bushels to the acre. Mr. Moxley was up to see me yesterday. he ses that his crop is pretty good and if the seasons hold out that he will make double the corn that he did Last year. I will go down next week and take a Look and will let you no how the crop Looks. I Let Chesley go down to Eldesteno on Sunday Last and he ses that the crop was in bad condition and that the Mules was Very poor and the Negroes also Looked bad. and then still I dont Like to talk after negroes. they will in a General way report things worst then they Realy are. I had a few Bushels of seed peas Left and I sold them to Mrs. Brokaw, Coles and Gwynn of Tallahassee at $1.25¢ per bushel. Eldesteno has plenty peas so Mr. Moxley informs me, so I taken the Liberty of Selling what I had on hand. I thought it would be Just that Much saved, for they would not do to keep a nother year on the account of the weevils. I am Much obliged to you for giving me Leaf to order My Lumber. I can get it all ready seasened at a Mill Not far from Chemoonie. the Judge[51] Might Saw My Lumber if he would. he is Sawing Flowering [i. e., flooring] for the Mill now, so Mr. Moxley informs me. he ses that he wont have any use to Flower the Mill house all over untill he gets ready to put in More Masheanry [i. e., machinery], still I shant say any thing to the Judge about Lumber any more. I want to Keep on good terms with him. Mr. Moxley ses

[51] "Judge" Roberson, overseer of El Destino mill.

that he had to Flog one of the Judges hands out of the Quarters for sleeping of Mornings untill an hour or two be Sun before he Left for the Mill. Ansler is the boy's name. Mr. Moxley ses that the Judge has not bin on the canal in nearly two weeks where the hands are at work. if this should be the case they aint hurting themselves at work much. I mearly Mention this because I think it is my duty to inform you of things that I think is working against your intrust. I understand that the Judge wants to get a post office at the Mills. I dont no but I think the Judge has a plenty of business to attend to now and if he has got to attend to the postoffice and Mills two I rather think they will be some of his business neglected. you no people will be there every Mail day and somebody will have to stay at the postoffice all the time if they is one kept there and a big crowd of people nearly all the time around a cuntry post office and Mighty apt to be a good deal of drinking carried on at Such places. I dont mention this to injure the Judge in any way but I no if things of this Sort is calculated to do an injury why the sooner they is a stopt put to it the better, and further more if the Negroes are well cared for and worked properly on El Desteno the Less troble they will always be on Chemoonie with the blacks, and it would be the Same way with Chemoonie people. if they was Just Let do just as they pleased pretty Much and not cared for, why it would have a tendency to Make Eldesteno hands trobelsome. the negroes all no that they belong to the same Marster and they keep up a regular corrispondence with each other. I merely give you my Views about the Matter. you can do now as you see proper. the plough team on Chemoonie

has fawlen off a Little. the wet weather and hot corn ploughing in it is the cause. they will all be fat again in the corse of a week. the colt Baldy has had an attack of gravel but I have cured him. the Black Mule that you perchased for me this year you no he had a knot on his left hind foot, well it is Larger and Makes him Limp. I rather think it will brake and run before it q[u]its. Mr. Moxley ses he will send for corn next week. I will Let him have all I can spair.

P. S. Since writing I will inform you that Abram died today 20 minutes past 12 oclock.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Desteno [June] 30/55

Mr Jones

Sir your letter of 18 has bin Received and I am glad to Say this morning that your people are all in fine health. in regard to the Cotton Crop the reason why I have not bin more potickler in Stating the hith [i. e., height] and prospect is that wee are so Subject to Storms and raines hailes and drouth etc that can Soon blas[t] the prospect. the Cotton in the lower most cut of prelow will avrige knee high, the next two cutes will not avrige quit wast high. all over the greanfield knee high. readoak will not avrige knee high. all over for the sorryes cotton that is on the place is in read oak.

I think about 10 acory [i. e., acres] of read oak at the head of that hollar [i. e., hollow or valley] that is quit [i. e., quite] abad stand Owing to the washing and haile on

that hill side and I find that the replant is hard to live in consequence of the hot Son and rain. allso I see that the cotton whar the haile was the hardes the cotton Still Ceepes diing like it had the Soar Shin.

brick yard house field and the graive yard cut will not quit avreige knee high. the Spring branch newground knee high, Spring branch cut half leg, roas hill knee high. I have finished the oates war prety fair cutting them all to the gin house field that I wished to Save Seed from and I am Cutting theim now.

In regard to Clean cotton I have not lost enney time nither with plowes nor hoes with grass. in fact I can Say that I have a clean crop and expect to continue So Som providencal occorence takes place not with its raines all most every day. I have finished all the corn crop and I think I Can tend the potatoes and Cotton now with out turning out enney of it. If you war to See Some of the planters hoo planted So Soon you would think it the finis pasture you ever Saw and that rit on the road between hear and Town and in fact thar is no clean cotton except the Sheppard place

[P. S.] I have Started too Loomes, Veanes and Lucy.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[52]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION, July 2, 1855.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR inclosed a Copy of the Journal. I have not received an answer to My last letter. I hope this may find you and

[52] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

your Family in good health. I have Not bin able to Ride a horse back in a week. I have a great Many risings on myself so in consiquence of this I have not bin able to goe to Eldesteno. I will go as soon as I can Ride, I have to attend to My business a foot. I have Slight fevers with those Risings. I could go to Eldesteno in My buggy but I cant Look at the crop. I am in hopes I will be able to go this week and as soon as I do I will write you all about the crop. the Chemoonie crop Looks Verry well considering So Much wet wether. I have some La[r]ge cotton and some small. the Lice has bin Verry bad on the cotton and has kept it back all of three weeks on the red Lands. corn is good as I care about. I Shall Make an abundant Supply. I have Verry bad wether on My oats, I shant be able to Save as many as I would wish to. I Shall have to strip seed oats as soon as the weather gets dry enough. the Cotton on Chemoonie is clear of grass and it is the onley crop that is clean in My Neighborhood. Every boddy that I see is complaining about grassey cotton, its My oppinion that if the Wet wether holds Much longer they will be Short cotton crops Made in Florida. the Rains throws off the fruit as fast as it comes on nearly. I have hoed all My cotton three times Except a Little at cars which I can hoe in one day. I Received a Note from Judge Roberson that he was sawing My Lumber for My house. So I would not go off for it. I did not want to Run you to an expence when I can get it from your Mills. I Reckon I shall have to beg you a little more Now. I would Like to swap a hand in the place of Jim hall for two or three weeks to help Renty put up My Lumber when I get it home, as Renty is a poor Machanic. I would Like Verry Much to

have Jim Hall a few weeks if it will not interfere with your Mills. if you wont Let Me have Jim will you care if I hier a Cheap carpenter for a Short time? pleas Let Me no. as soon as I get My crop off of hand and every thing strait I Expect to Mary, Say in the course of two or three Months, and if I dont Hurry up a Little I shall not be ready at the appointed time. I have always looked on you as being one of my best friends so I Shall have to beg you to assist Me a little about getting My house finished. My Marring [sic] will Not interfere with your business. I shall always attend to My duty as I have bin doing and I think a little Better if I get the right kind of a wife, which I think I shall.

the Blacks is all well except B. Dick is a Little sick with a pain in his side.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[53]

[El Destino, July 6, 1855.]

Mr. Jones

Sir I Send you a coppey of the Jornal wich I hop will give you Satesfation of all the business in my charge.

I am glad to Stat that wee ar Still favord with a reasonable Shear of health and rain in abundance at this time. I have not bin able to do enny thing Scursley in the line of working cotton, but I have bin trying to increase the provision crop and to mak manewer and prevent washes and sofourth.

And thar is no apearence of fair w[e]ther yet. the corn crop is good and a fine prospect of a good pe[a] crop and

[53] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

the cotton is groing very fast. in fact I think almost too fast. I fear that it will thro off is frutes. that I shall not quit[e] get over again this weak, owing to the wet wether.

I have Saived all the oates that I Shall want to feed with and the Oates that I wanted for Scad. I left them to ripen and I commenced to cut them and this wet wether has prevented me, and they are all falling down and I fear that I shall not have sun to Strip them. I have got all the corn from Chamooni that Mr. Evans can Spar and 30 bareles from Dr. Turnbull and I have 9 bushels from Mr. Robertson, but thar is no prospect of gitting corn, no lumber again Soon, for the dam is gon again.

P. S. the child that you See of Nancy's has bin quit Sick but it is on the mend. I have had the loomes at work but they got out of repar and I have not quit got them to work again.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino July 16/55.

Mr. Jones

Sir Your letter of the 3 of this inst has bin gladley reseived I am more than oblige to you for the favor and allso I am glad to learn that you and familey are all well I am quite sick today with coald and feavor. and several of the Negros with violent Colds. two of Princes Children com very near diing but they are both mending finely at this time. one of Phillesis children had had a Simeler pain in the leg to that of Giles onley has not produced eny effects of Tutanus.

the rest of the people are all in fine health at this time, in regard to the rains I was cearful to ceap the people out of the wether and when they war caut in the rain I made them chang thur clothing.

I hav the Crop in fine order now. the hohands was able to go over 40 acors today. I finished going over the third time today. you could not find grass anuff in the cotton crop to fill a cart bodey and as for the people I dont want eney better to mang[i. e., manage] than they have bin. I want to give them a diner one day this weak for their good work and good behavor. I have about three days plowing to do and then I shall stop till I save the foder and I think that I will do in a weak. I have failled to git the amount of Corn that I ingaged of the Doctor. he could not spar but 165 bush and that will not quit do and I dont know whar to git enney more, I think that if I had 2 or 3 more allowences [i. e., allowances for one week each] that I could mak out. the mules has stood the work better than I thaut they could. I lost som of the hoges in time of the wet wether. wee have had a few days of clear hot wether but it looks like wet again. I have nothing more that would be interesting to you. You will hear from me again this weak.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[54]

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA July 16, 1855.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR Your letter of the 4th of July came to hand on Satterday Last. I notice that My Letter of the 15th of

[54] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

June was not Received. I do not no the cause unless My Mailing it at Miccosukii post office. some times when I did not have the time to send to Tallahassee I have bin in the habit of Mailing My Letters at Miccosukii but if they is any delay in the Mail then I will Not Mail any more there.

I wrote you on the 2d of this inst and informed you that I had not bin able to ride a ho[r]se back was the principle cause of My Not going to Eldesteno. well I have not bin yet; I have bin Verry bad off with a Large abcess in one of My thighs. I have had to foot it to attend to My business. I have not bin able to Ride a horse back but once in three weeks. I had to send for a physician and have the abcess opened so I am now better and will be able to Ride a horse back in the corse of 3 or 4 days so the Dr. ses and then I will go to Eldesteno and will write all the particulars to you. Mr. Moxley was up to see me about a week ago and I asked him about his crop and he seemed to talk like it was a good crop and clear of Grass. he sed he would Make nearly as twice as Much corn as he made Last year but I dont reckon this will be the case. I have been noticing the corn on Chemoonie and I find it is not well filled out to the end, two Much Shuck at the end of the corn. I have mentioned this to Several of My Neighbors and I find they have bin Labouring under a Mistake and ses that they will not make Near the corn that they thought for. I shall Make More corn than I did Last year. shall Make an abunt Supply for Chemoonie. the cause of the corn Not filling out is I think the heavy rains that have fawlen of Late. I think that the Rains sunk the strength of the Land and the corn did what it was agoing to do in two short a time, if it had of bin a wet Spring I think they

would of bin as heavy corn made this year as they was Last. the Late rains have made the cotton shed nearly all its fruit of[f]. I have not More than a third of a bottom crop of fruit Left. Still I see nothing at the present to prevent a good cotton crop from being made. the cotton weed on Chemoonie is a heap better then it was Last year and verry well branched out. I am still in hopes of Makeing a full cotton crop. I have bin for a few years past getting two much fruit on my cotton at the start. In consequence of this I never had Verry tall weed So I think it has Just come right this year. the Middle crop of cotton is the crop to save and try and get to stick on the stalks. the cotton crop on Chemoonie is the cleanest I think I ever have had. no grass attall. I shall work cotton this week and on Monday Next I will commence pulling Fodder with all hands. they is a Little fodder on Chemoonie that would do to pull now but the corn is not fit corn, two green, and will shrivel up and rot if the fodder is taken off when the corn is in this state. I have enough old fodder on hand to Last the team untill Chrismast I think. Mr. Moxley told me on the night of the 3d of this Month that the Judge Let his dam brake through carlessness. it Rained all night on the third and the Judge did not have a gate drawn all night untill Next Morning about Sun rise Nor Never sent to see how high the water was nor nothing of the sort. this is what Mr. Moxley told me and the Judge has not got the dam Mended yet. this is bad I think, for Just as soon as he got plenty of water so as he could do a good business grinding and Sawing, through carlessness Let the dam brake. I think this is ridiculous. I do want to see Eldesteno Mills do well My-

self for they have cost a heap of expence and trouble. I wish the Judge good Luck in all his undertakeing and hope that he will do well but Eldesteno Mills will never Saw nor grind More than 3 or 4 months in the year as Long as Judge Roberson has the Management of them. the Judge dont want to Leave there and he is a fraid if he completes his Job you wont have any More use for him and he Must have Something to throw him back So as he can Stay Longer. this is what I beleave. I Like to see a man do what is right when he undertakes busines for a nother Man. Chemoonie is wanting Lumber for Severel perposes and it Looks bad it cant be had from Eldesteno Mills when they is a good chance to Make it as they have. My beleaf is if Eldesteno Mills is properly attended to would be the best Set of Mills in the State. I dont write this for to Make you fall out with Judge Roberson but I do it Merely because I want to see your business go on right and so you can Look for youself and I think you will find what I say pretty Much write [i. e., right]. I am wanting some plank to fix my gin house scaffold and I am afraid the Judge wont be able to Saw it in time for Me.

I Lost a fine Mule yesterday Morning with colic. he only Lived about one hour after taken. I did every think I could for him but I could Not save him. this Mule has had the colic some 12 times this year. I am very sorry for it.

Esaw and biner has asked permission to Marry. I think it a good Match. what say you to it? I propose giving the people Next Satterday and giving them a good dinner as they have worked well and behaved themselves.

P. S. the out stock is in good order for the Season. the plough team is fat. the colt Baldy is in fine order, also your dog Sport. I dont think you would hardly no your horse, he has grown so fat. the people are Jeneraly healthy and Looks well.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Aug. 4/55

Mr. Jones

Sir Your letter of the July the 17 was reseeved the 29 of the same tho I am sorry to informe you that I was not able to read you[r] letter at that time, and did git the Doctor to read it for me. I have had the Sevearest attact of bilious remitive feavor that I ever had before. I have bin confined to my bed for 12 days that I have not bin able to Set up as mutch. So today is the first and I am still in great pain with the glandes of my throat. and Som feavor but I no that you [are] ancuus to hear from me I comenced to saving fodder on 20 but was taken Sick and have not bin with the people Since tho I beleave they are over half don at vass or in fact they will finish on tusday next. I think that they have don pretty well and it has bin raining every day more or less and this weak som very hard raines.

The cotton was in fine order when I comenced to pull fodder potatoes &c. and I given the people a diner on 19 and all that day. thar has bin a good [deal] of Sickness among people Since I have bin down and one deth little

Phillcs Hisachiah [i. e., Phyllis's Hezekiah] died the first of the mont quit Suden I beleave. I was not able to See him and there fore I can't tell what was the matter but I beleave the quarters is clear of feavors to day.

I want you to Send me som more thread. I am about throu. I will rite to you again and send you a coppy and informe you of the Stock. I am not able to Set up enny longer at this time.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[55]

CHEMOONEE, August 15th 1855

MR GEORGE JONES

SIR Your letter of the 25th of July from New York have bin received. I am glad to hear that your Family continue in good health.

My health is verry good at this time also the black Peoples is good. Fanny is a little indisposed but will go to work in a day or two. I am truly sorry to hear that the last load of cotton is still on hand yet and cannot be sold for its inferior quality. I hope this wont be sed of Chemoonie again, for I shall be more Particular about gathering the cotton crop then I ever have bin. I will try and have a good lot of cotton saved this year if it takes me a month longer to get in the crop. I dislike verry much to beair the name of sending such sorry cotton to Market. the Cotton crop on hand Looks verry well at this time and is fruiting finely. Still the late rains has made it shed a good

[55] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

deal also the bole worm has damaged it a good deal. not withstanding all this I think I have a fair prospect for a much heavier cotton crop than I had last year. they is more grown boles on Chemoonie cotton that any cotton that I have seen. I am in hopes of making a good cotton crop and hope it will be saved in good order.

I have not received the leather nor bagging and rope and twine yet. the Late rains made the ground so hard around the cotton that I thought it advisable to plough all the cotton over since I have finished saving fodder, which will be the means of Making the cotton grow longer and make more cotton. the cotton does not open so soon this year as it has for a few years past. I attribute this to so much wet weather. I commenced Picking cotton Monday Last with the hoe hands and will get all the cotton picked over this week if good weather. Next week some time I expect to start the gin and put all hands a picking Cotton.

I wrote to you on the 2d of this month and give the letter to a friend of mine to put in the Tallahassee office and I understand that he did not mail it in two or three days afterwards. so if this be the case you may no what was the cause of its not being mailed sooner. the Judge kept putting me off about Lumber, that I have taken your instructions and have gone to a mill where I can get it without any trouble. the Judge sawed some of my Lumber but he did not saw some of it by the bill I gave him and he put himself to the trouble to saw some Lumber for me that I did not have any use for so I had to quit him. I would have liked verry much to of got the Lumber sawed at El Destino Mills as it would of bin a great saveing I waited on the Judge as Long as I could [Perhaps incomplete.]

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[56]

CHEMOONIE PLANTATION Aug. 31st, 1855.

MR. GEORGE JONES

SIR I enclose a copy of the Journal. I am getting on slowly with the business left to My care, the weather continue so wet that I cant pick Cotton as I want to in consequence of So Much wet weather. I havent out Much Cotton. I think I have out about 12 or 15 bales as near as I can guess at it. I have not bin able to keep an accurate account of the picking, owing to so Many peaces of days and wet Cotton. I hope the Rains will Cease and in My Next I will be able to give you a better account of the picking. I will state to you that I am fearful of a Light Cotton crop. owing to so Much rain, the Cotton has rotted a great deal since I wrote last and the bole worm is Verry bad. Everyboddy in Fa. is complaining about rotten Cotton, the Cotton Crops is doing badley Just about Now as far a as I have heard from in this county. I have a pretty good blow of Cotton open at this time. if the rains would hold off so as I could pick, I think I would be able to do good picking. I have not received the bagging and Rope nor leather for the Gin band yet. I could send off a load or two of Cotton if I had bagging and rope to pack it. I had to get the Most of My Lumber from Dr. Hollands Mill for My house. I have plenty of Lumber now to finish the house. Mr. Isler the Carpenter that I hierd told me that it would come cheaper to by [i. e. buy] sash for the windows to the house. he ses that its Cheaper then I could

[56] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

have windows Made and b[u]y the hooks and hinges, so I got Mr. Bowen to Make Me enough sash for ten windows at 18¾¢ per Light. I got some Lumber from your Mill but Mr. Isler ses it is rotten and a heap of it refuse Lumber and badly sawed and fit for nuthing.

I think Myself it is Verry Sorry [i. e., poor quality] but will use all of it I can, the Judge[57] did not saw the first stick of Lumber by the bill I gave him. I understand that the Judge had to Cut his dam in two to let off the water, so he cant grind nor saw Now. I shant keep Mr. Isler any Longer then I can possibly help. the Black people is all well and doeing well, the stock of all kinds Looks well. your horse baldy is fater then I ever have seen him. Sport is well.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[58]

LEON COUNTY F[L]A Septr 14th 1855.

MR GEORGE JONES

SIR enclosed you will find a copy of the Journal. I wrote you about the first of this inst and have not recd, any answer to my letter. the Last letter that I received from you was from New York. I am fearful that you are sick or something elce. I am getting on slowly with the business left to my care. I did not receive any bagging and rope until the 12th of this inst which is one cause of my being so backward about hauling off cotton. still I have not much cotton out as yet. the weather is so verry

[57] "Judge" Roberson, overseer of El Destino Mill.

[58] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

warm I am afraid to push the hands in the heat of the day, and the hands is getting the fever now so fast and a great many of them complaining about not being well. I have packed 23 bales and have about 8 more out which makes me 31 bales in all. I will commence halling off cotton on Monday next and will send it off as fast as I get it gined and packed. the cotton that I have out is clear of trash and sand and is much better than last years cotton. I have a good deal of cottton open now, say about 40 bales open. I have not Received the leather for the Gin band nor have I not had no twine to soe up the bales. it is my wishes to put you up a good crop of Cotton this year and I ought to have an extra band so as I could thrash cotton when it needs it. I shall have to beg you to get me a new gin next year. I dont think the gin I am using Makes a good staple of cotton. it rather naps it. I think they is obligest to be short cotton crops made in Fa this year but I am in hops of making a fair crop. you no that I never have saved all the cotton on Chemoonie, yet so I think this year I shall be able to save it all. I have some good cotton and some that is a little sorry.

Mr. Isler is not quite done My house yet. as soon a I can doe without him I will do so. the work that he is doeing is work that renty cant doe. I suppose renty could do a heap of it out of a fashion but I hate to have the work spoiled. I shant run you to no more expense than I can possibly help. My aim is to have a good comfortable house and no more.

I am afraid they is a going to be a heap of sickness in Fa. I hear of a great deal espeshialy amung the blacks. the stock of all kinds is in good order.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[59]

[El Destino, September 21, 1855.]

Mr Jones

Sir I send you a coppey of the jornal witch will informe you how wee ar gitting on and how mutch feavor wee have had up to the present time and is still Seames to continue. Cotton cropes is failing very fast. I dont think that there will be more than half cropes maid in consequence of the Boul worm and catpiller. I am going over [i. e., picking] the cotton the fourth time and I think that I shall have half of the cotton this time. I think that prelow is not making half a crop and the biges part of the hous field all so read-oak and the black Seed cotton is not as good as it was lasyear except the Newground by the potatoes. that Seames to be fine cotton clear of the boal worm and catapillor. the pea crop still seames to be good and I think the potatoes will be good allso tho it too dry and hot. wee have Som of the warmes wether hear for the Season that has ever bin none [i. e., known]. the Stock is all in prety good condition at the present. I have reseeved no letter from you yet Since July. I should lik to hear from you. I cant git the running gear for those wheales you sent me. the Judge says that he cant tend to it and I am wanting it very mutch now for I have to ceap one wagon on the road haling off cotton and I have to have one to hall in cotton and to do other halling.

[59] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[60]

LEON COUNTY FLORIDA, Octr. 2nd, 1855.

MR GEORGE JONES

SIR, I enclose a copy of the Journal. I am afraid that they is something to Matter with you I have Not heard from you since the Letter you wrote from New York. I have bin qite unwell for several days with a cold and they have bin a great Many of the Black people Complaing. O. Suckey has had pnumunia again but I have Suckceeded in curing her without the aid of a physician. I am getting on slowly with My business. Mr. Isler will be done with My house in the corse of 7 or 8 days More. I have packed 38 bales of cotton and have out about 10 or 12 More. I am saveing a nice lot of cotton this year, the hands cant pick qite so much as I have all the trash picked out and dirt, the Cotton Crop, I don't think will be a Large one Owin to the boles Rotting So Much. it is not done rotting yet. I have a fine blow to cotton open 50 bales at Least open in the field at this time. I think what I can see they wont be more than half cotton crops made in Florida in places owing to the rot. I bot 2000 Brick from the Miller to put a Chimney to My house. Betys child did not Come to its time was the cause of its death. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Most Respectfuly

JOHN EVANS.

[60] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonic journal.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

EL DESTINO, 19 Oct/55

MR JONES

SIR Mrs Jones letter cume to hand a few days a go in forming me that you was not at home but would be at home by the 20 of this instant. Oing to my bad health I shal omit sending you a coppy of the Jornal, this is the fifth time that I have bin a tacted with feavor. We have had more feavor this year than has bin in a good many [years] and severl deaths. Col. Parker died 17 of this inst. thar has bin a good eal of feavor among your people and som that has bin quit sick. others have not bin so sevearley attacked but the chills ware hard to brak especiley on the children. Caroline has bin Sick for som time allso Priseller and Bob Habersham. The cotton crop is still failing and will be short. I have onley 75 bales packed. I am gethering corn at the vass place and pickking peas and diching with the men. I am at work on the ditch by the cove as the pond is dry so that the water is not in the way. we have had atremendous wrain and som wind to day two weeakes ago.

I have receaved the Shewes [i. e., shoes] Ingood order and given them out as the people was needing them in vass in the coal dewes. I am out of meat and have bin out for two weak and thar is no provisions in newport on the a count of the yealow feavor being in the Petes and thay would not alow hear to land. I have got som beaf from Mr. Footman as it is the cheapes at the present prices of meat. Bacoon is worth 16¢ hear now. Sholders

13¢. Mr. Jones you must excuse this short letter in consequence of my health the feavor is rising on me and I cant right.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE, January 10, 1856.]

MR JONES

SIR As we disagreed the other day at your house about the business of the Plantation, you appeared to be so much dissattisfied with my management of your business you will not perhaps be much surprised when I inform you that I have come to the conclusion to quit your employment for you will doubtless recollect perfectly well the fact of my having always told you that I would live with no man who was not sattisfied with the manner in which I manage his business. I have always endeavored to doe you Justice and although I say it no man has ever labord more faithfully for a nother than I have for you. Your Negroes behave badly behind my back and then Run to you and you appear to beleave what they say. from circumstances that has happend I am led to beleave that I Run great Risk of my life in the Case of Jacob. when I mentioned it to you that my Life had bin thretned by him you seemed to pay no attention to it whatever. I have always been accustomed to having my friends to see me and the indulgence of it never for a moment caused me to neglect the business committed to my charge and now when I am married and might natu[r]ally expect the friends of my wife and self to visit us in a reasonable manner your expression about this matter the other day at your house

was enough to let me no that you did not want my friends to come and see me. Taking all these circumstances into due consideration I think I am but acting Right when I seek to dissolve the connection that has existed between us for nine years and in doing so I wish you to beleive that I am mooved by no unfriendly feelings whatever but solely by a regard for my own intrust. You will be pleased to come over early in the morning and Let us settle and get your Keys. You owe me a Little on the taxes I paid for you in 1855.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE, Jan. 14, 1856.]

MR GEORGE JONES,

SIR, I have Mooved all my things off of your Plantation and you will pleas come up Early in the Morning and get your keys and take Persession as I have nothing to sleep on nor Eat out of.

P. S. I have a List of Every thing made out for you. I send the bags full of salt. they aint qite 6 bushels.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[April, 1856.][61]

MR JONES

SIR I did not think that you would give Tom permission to visit this place while I have Charg of it after him and Davis has treated me as they did I cant consent to be imposed on by a negrow.

[61] This note is undated, but it doubtless preceded very briefly the reply of Jones, dated April 20, 1856.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO D. N. MOXLEY[62]

[April 20, 1856.]

MR. MOXLEY,

SIR:

With every disposition to respect your feelings, there are also feelings of humanity which I can not disregard.

For more than twenty years past Tom has had Delia for a wife and is the father of two of her children. His conduct has been uniformly good during the time. His wife is an old family servant, decent, well behaved woman, and his daughters are good negroes.

One of his daughters with 3 other women some 18 months ago left the plantation and went to Tallahassee They were put into jail and while there Tom came on this plantation.

I suspected that possibly Tom might have advised his daughter to leave the plantation, altho there was no proof that he did.

[Under these circumstances, in order to show my displeasure at the conduct of my people, I forbade Tom visiting his family.]

As there had been other instances of insubordination among my people during the summer, I concluded to forbid all intercourse with Tallahassee until a better state of discipline had been established.

I have sustained your authority in every instance brought to my notice, my people have behaved well for a year past. I think the punishment inflicted on Tom has

[62] From an unsigned draft in the handwriting of George Noble Jones. The passages enclosed in brackets are stricken out in the original.

been sufficient. Your authority has been firmly established, and I see no reasonable objection to Toms visiting his family, provided he conducts himself with respect to you and conforms to the rules of the plantation.

[I told him yesterday to go to you and pledge himself to behave with strict propriety.]

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[63]

El Desteno May 14 1856

Mr Jones

Sir you will See from the Coppey that thar has bin no little Sickness hear Since you left ous on Monday Eavning. Aafter you left Harry and Lucy bouth war take with Newmony and Emley all of which I thot would Schirsley recover and in fact thar has bin Som of the worst Sickness that I have Ever Seean on the place. thar Somtomes [i. e., symptoms] was a pain in ther head and Brest and their Eyes yellow and thar tung coverd with a whit fur and in largend and grat difaculty in thar breathing and sofourth. My treatment has bin Calomill Doverpowders, Laudenum, Tartar Emetick and sault peter and flaxseed and allso the blistering ointment. they are all better now Except John William who was taken yesterday. thar has bin 4 births Since you left and one mule died, the Whit mule Charles was found ded in the Stable the other morning. no one new that he was sick, the people have don well Since you left. if wee had not had Somutch Sickness wee would have bin throu chopping and plowing corn. I Shall finish plow-

[63] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

ing corn this weeak and all of the cotton Except the newground. the crop all is desideley better than I Ever Seean it on the place before I Shall rit Som time next weeak as I have not room which will give you more Satisfaction.

A. R. McCALL TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[64]

CHEMOUNIE May 16 1856

This leave the Negros all at this place in health. Nathan you see has been sickly with bils [i. e., boils] but not confind to house as he has bin pidilen at lite jobs. The corn all looks well the cotton also looks very well. The crop is in good condition for growin. The Mules are doing well. The hogs dont apper to improve much from the mange as yet. I did not git the copras until the other day. I have comenst to give it to the hogs and I am in hops it will do them good I git on with the Negros and worke with out much trouble.

P. S. Mrs. McCalls helth does not inprove as yet She sufers a gradeal at tim. She send best wishes to Mrs. Jones.

A. R. McCALL TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[65]

[CHEMONIE, May 31, 1856.]

MR GEO JONES

SIR this is the second tim I have rote to you. I understood you to say that you wantid me to write to you one

[64] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

[65] *Ibid.*

week and Mr. Moxley the next. I learn yestidy that we boath write on the sam day. I found on my envelop 17 May and 1 June therefor I wrote on those days. ther has nothing turnd up senc I last wrote morthan we have had Plenty of Rain and to spear. the crops looks well end in good order up to this tim. the car field of cotton is louseng theyar [i. e., losing their] leaves. the Negros ar all well and git on with out any trouble. Old Sukey is a little Sicke I belive it goodel diseat [i. e., deceit]. the Muls ar in fine condition. hogs ar mending senc we bigen to give the copras. I will turn the hogs alone in hart field of oats as it will do them mor good now than any othe tim. The cows and sheap ar doin very well.

P. S. Mrs. McCalls helth is improven by degrees the Rest of us ar all well

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D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[66]

El Desteno June 15 1856

Mr Jones

Sir I reseived your letter of the 31 from New York. I now Send you the Coppey of my jornal up to this dat which will informe you that Som of your people has bin Quit Sick. Rachal has bin for more than two weeakes Sick but I think now She will mend allso Phillises Child has bin nar the point of Deth but is out of Danger now. it was attacted with convulsions again and they continued for Som time and Peggey has had a bone felun on one of hear

[66] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

finger and Som of the bone has com out. She has not bin able to do Enney thing Since you left hear.

the crop is mutch better than it was last year at this time. the cotton is from half lege to wast high. the Seasons has bin good up to this time tho wee have every apearence of a drouth now at this time and if wee Should have it it will rune corn cropes.

the oates is very good and I am cutting them now. the Stock all looks as well as can be Expected.

Mr. Roach is Dead He died from in temprance.

A. R. McCALL TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[67]

[CHEMONIE, June 21, 1856.]

MR. GEO JONES

DEAR SIR, Your of the 21 May came to hand and the contens observed. I am very sory to have to announce the death of 2 your Mules at this place. they boath wer taken erly in the morning and died almost before anything cold be don for them. one a small one he come ner dying last year so the Driver ses, the other a fine large one he was sun strucke last year and came near dying. I was let to belive that it was owen to the stable being to hot and I had 2 logs 1 on each side cut out to give them are and I thinke it a grate advantiage to them, they ar all in fine condition and apper to be doing very well.

the Negroes ar all well and with a few exceptions have injoyed very good helth and git on very well and without any trouble until Mariah got the Devel in her and walked

[67] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonie journal.

of[f] for nothing attaul [i. e., at all,] only things ar diferent to her to what they have bin in former years with her. you see from the Jernals that she went to Mr. Robinsons. as I wanted to show her and the balance that he had nothing to do with them I locked her up in Jail befor Mr. Roberson had time to say a word and I supos she got very much fritened and broaked out while he was [in] bed and clered out and stayed out until Thirsday morning soon she came in on hur on [i. e., own] accord and ecknoledge that she had don rong and that she diserved a whipen, but if I pleas to forgive hur or be as lite with hur as I cold [i. e., could] and she would never be Gilty of the like again. I maid the Driver give hur 10 cut and told hur that was all I wanted any of them to do to behave therselves and attend to the worke. it all grew out of hur molater girl Mary. I spoke to Bety about it and told hur that I wold take Mary in the house to mind the flies and play with Annah as they war ner of a sise and that she could stay with it[s] Mother of a knight and if it wanted it cold go down to see hur of days and if it was smart that I had no dout that hur Mistis wold make a hous servent of Mary and Betty apperd to be very willin but that knight Mariah put it in Marys head that she was not to wait on us and I had to give the chile a whipen the next morning and went to El Disteno and when she came in et diner she cut up a swell abot it. next morning I was goin to give hur, Mariah, a smal dresin [i. e., dressing, flogging] about it and she walked of[f].

the Crop in general looks very wel and it is in very good order. I have the Gin house on the way. will Rais it next weeke. I thought it wold be best to put bricks under

ensted of blocks as I thought it mor to your intrus. I understand that you can git the Blake land for 10 dollars per Acre if you want the 2 south ons or all 3 of them. Mr. Joiner wants to bild a bricke kill on your land nex coody Pond [i. e., Courty Pond] not far from the mile post and wishes to now if you would give leafe to do it. ther is a deal of sickness in the county and som deaths.

Mrs. McCall wishes you to remember her to Mrs. Jones and say to her that she does not expect to live many days longer and that she is perfectly resind to deth that all she regrets is leaving hur family and frends, she bids her far well. the Doctors have given hur out.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

CHEMOONIE 3 July 1856.

MR JONES

SIR I regrett to annonce the Deth of Mrs. McCall and Mr. McCall. tho prehaps you have bin in formed of Mrs. Mc. Deth I will Say all that I know uppon the subeject. She Died on the 22 of June and was beried on the 23 tho I did not See hiur. Mr. Mc. was complaining of Fecaling unwell 29 and Sent for me to Go to See him on tusday and as it was my day to rit I Did not go up in the morning So by 2 o'c. the newes came to me that he was dead and that I must come up So I went but befor I got thar he was laid out they Sint for Mr. Christy as Soon as he was taken but he died before he got thar So I Stayed all night and hope [i. e., helped] to burry him the 2 and returned home.

on the 3 I and Mr. John McCall went back to Chamoonie and I road all over the plantation So that I could be able

to See what to put the handes at and Comenced to take a record of all the Stock and every thing Elce but I did not gitt throw. I dont think that the crop will compar with the last years crop at all. I Should have gotton Mr. Smith and Mr. Christy to of sead what they think about it but I did not have time. Mr. Smith Saw a potion of the corn next to the gut and he is of the Same opinion of my Self. I think the corn was planted two thick. it has bin worked of[t]en anuf but I dont think it was done as threr [i. e., thorough] as it might of bin don. I think that this is the caus for the failer in the crop boath in Cotton and in corn all So they have abad Stand of cotton tho I contribet that to the Harrow.

the cotton crop is clean and they are Neading rain. I put Chesley to hoing corn. if they had run that right to run the Sweap throu that corn at the car place and ho it too. thar potatoes and Shougar cain looks fine the best that I have Seean. I have got Benjamon Mc Call to Stay at the place, the oldes one of Mr. Mc. sons. he has had Som Experance and I think that he might gether the crop. he is to work by my in Structions and if he coud not do the Bisness rit he is to give place to Som one Elce. I agread to give him 25.00 dollars per month. his Sister and one of the Children was to Stay with him. Mr. John McCall will try to make Som arangmentes for the other three and if non of the familey could tak them I agread to let them Stay provied he can manag the place and give Satesfaction I thin[k] that he will feeal a grater intrust in the crop than Enney one Elce that I know at this time for all experence men is in buisness at this time Except Mr. Evans and I dont know whether he would oversee enney more or

not but if he would I think it would be well to git him tho I dont no what understanding you and him is uppon. a cording to my judgement his place will be hard to fill. in relation to the building of the gin house the contract is out and I have hierd those men to cover it etc. for I know that renty cant do it. they have up a fine fraim and put the rafters on while I was thar. you will find all of the coppey of the jornal that was posted. he had ritten non from Friday up to his deth.

I beleave that I have given you all the importantes of the case. I now want you to rit me Soon for I feeal that thar is two mutch Responsibility resting upon me. I am willing to do all that I can and that to the best of my judgement if I can give Satisfaction by so doing for I feeal that it is my dutey to Studey your intrust hear and Elce whar. I hop to hear from you soon. I shall rit to you again Soon.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[68]

El Desteno July 4 1856

Mr Jones

Sir I Send you the coppy of my Jornal up to the first of this inst which will inform you of all the bussiness on this plantton. you will See that I [am] plowing the cotton twice befor going into the corn. well I will tell you how it has bin don. on Saturday the 21 first wee had one of

[68] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal. This letter is unsigned.

the hardes raines that I have Ever Seean fall and washed verry badley and baked the ground So I thout it Vitley importan to plow the cotton agan for the first plowing had don no good and all So to prevent it washing Enny more.

I am glad to Say that the [health] of your people is better than they have bin befour. in fact I have not had but one bad case and that is Rachal. She has bin for Som time up and down. it apeard like She could not git well but She is now mending I think finley. Dudley has bin Sick Ever sence you lif Florida and he got So fur that I Sent for Dr. Parkill to See him he is now Clear of feavor and apears to be mending. the way I think he can to have Such a long Spell Dr. Robertson put him on Som patent medison. Venus and Tempy is both confind now. the Children is in fine health at this time.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

CHAMOONIE July 13 1856.

MR JONES

SIR I Send you a coppy of the jornal on Chamonie from the 3 up to the 10 which will inform you how your buisness is gitting on thar, tho I dont know if I have not maid Sum mistakes in the name of the differant partes of the plantation. on the 10 Chesley was hoing in the house field and Jim was about to finish the Cotton So[uth] of the road runing East and west to the plantation.

they have had fine Seasons on Chamoonie Since I ritten to you before and the cotton crope looks mutch better in concequence of the Seasons. but I am S[t]ill of the opin-

ion that the corn crop will fall Short of last year but I am in hopes that the cotton will com up to the last years as the Seasones is better than they war.

I am Shore the prospect of hoges is Shorter than ever has bin for I cant find but 133 head. I Doant think that the Stock minder has don his duty.

the health of your peaples is about the Same as they have bin hearto fore except Coatney. I think She has gon to hear old habites. I have got those workmen to Compleat the ginhouse and they ar to finish it by the first of Sept.

You will See that renty is hear on El Desteno. I will give you an explanation. on the 21 of june I let Mr. A. R. McCall have the two boys that you hierd for me to help fraim his house and he was to let me have Renty to pay the work back as I was not readey at that time to comence on my job. so I brout Renty and those two boys hear on the 6 of this inst. I Shant Keeap him no longer than he pays my work back. I shall ceap the buisness just as it has allways bin.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[69]

[El Destino, July 15, 1856.]

Mr Jones

Sir I Send you anuther coppey of the Jornal witch will inform you of all the plantation affares, I have nothing of intrust to rit. the peaple ar all doing well and I have a good crop.

[69] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

I am tring to build a gin house as fast as i can, and when I com to look in to the old one it was not worth taking down. the Sise of it was onley 32 Squar and the fram at the bottom was all rotton, So I thout it would be the best to build anewone as thar was nothing of the old one that was good but Joist and raftors. I hope to hear from you Soon

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D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[70]

El Desteno July 30 1856

Mr Jones

Sir I Send you the Coppey of the Jornal on El Desteno which will inform you that wee have had a good menney caces of feavor and has had two dethes. one of them was Jinny Emley. She Died from eatting dirt and Dropsey. Ann's William all so died Quit Suden I think with inflamation of the brain. Ann has bin Quit Sick. She Came near dying hear self tho She is on the Mend.

Feavor has bin worse this year than I have Ever found it in this Country more prostrating in ashort time and more Stubrn. I have given more calomill this year Than all the time I have bin in Fla before I have one of the Chamoonie Boys hear now, Job. he has com very near killing him Self Eating dirt. I think he is mending. I have him on aprepration of Steeal dust, Copras, Pruvian Barks and Salt peater and Whiskey.

I have had the grace catapillar in my Groundpeas and Shugar can and corn. they have eat up the ground peas

[70] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

and Som of the under blades of the corn and I think they will destroy the peacrop. I have not Seen Enney in the cotton. the cotton Still is good and the corn is better than it was last year. the Stock is dooing well. I am framing the gin house. I hope to hear Soon.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

CHAMOUNI Aug 15 1856

MR JONES

SIR I Shall have to omit Sending you the coppey of the Jornal this time as I have not time to do it tho I will give you all the important facts. first the health of those people are good thar is only two cases today and they are able to go out to morow.

2 they are don Saving foddor and Comenced to picking cotton on the 12. the car field of cotton has taken the rust and is Shedding its fruit. the rest of the cotton looks to be doing well at this time.

3 the gin house will Soon be compleated.

4 the Engin has Com and I have got it in the place. the Engine room is not don So Mr. Cardy Can put it up but I think it will be ready for him Next weak.

5 Mr. Houston has put the pillows under the house. I got the rest of the brick from Mr. Shines.

6 I have heard no word of the New gin for Chamounie tho I am in hopes that it will Com Soon.

7 Mr. Cardy Sayes that he wantes to firnish you with a Mill one that will be of Som Sirvis and I think you had better have a good Mill for that place.

8 the pea crop hear looks well all so the rise and potaties and Shugar cain. the Stock is thiriving. they have found Som more of the hoges. At the Deth of Mr. McCall I could not git but 133 head. Now thar is 200 head. the Mules is in fair order and the Cotton is doing will.

9 I Shall be glad to resive Som in Structions from you about the ditching for I Shall put Som of the handes at it Now prety Soon, and allso about the General afars of the plantation.

10 I beleave thar will be Sead oates anuf for the place. I beleave this is all of the proseedinges of the place.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[71]

El Desteno Aug 15/56.

Mr Jones

Sir your letter of the 6 of July was reseeved the 6 of this inst and I was glad to learn that the report was satisfactory all so to hear of your Self and famely was all in good health tho I regret to say to you that thar has bin more sickness on this place than I have ever witness before boath with the groan people and children. Charlot little Sylevy [died the] 13 of this inst tho it was dirt that was to matter I couldnot git medison that had enny affect upon hear it tall. thar has been a goodly number of deths in the Sittlement. thar was two gentlemen buryed at the Waukenest [?] cross roades and Mr. John Mc Call lost one of his children last weak.

[71] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

It is thaut that thar will not be more than half cotton cropes made hear in Florida in concequence of the catapillar, boal worm and rust. the catapilla has destroyed som of the cotton cropes in tireley and others have throw off nearly all its fruit. I have no worm as yet and all of the fresh land cotton in good and the Newground is fine. It is the best cotton I have Seean this year. the old land is failing, Shedding and som of it has the rust in Spotes. The Shugar cain is good but the potatoes not as good as they was las year I dont think they will mak as many as they did. [Incomplete.]

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

Leon County Fla., Septr 2d, '56.

Mr. George Jones,

Sir, I received a letter from Mr Moxley of Late wishing to know if I would goe back to Chamoonie to overseer. as I cannot by land hear without paying two prices for it I have come to the Conclusion to hier out My Negroes another year and goe to overseering again, and if you wish My Services I will goe back to Chemoonie and doe the best I can for you. you would have to give Me what you was giving Me when I qit Chamoonie and find Me plenty of Such as the plantation produced. you will pleas let Me know as soon as possible as I have promised to Let another Man know soon whether I will take charge of his plantation. My address at this time is Centreville, Florida. they was

a pretty Sevear Storm Visited Florida commencing on the 30th and ending the 31st of august which injured the cotton crop some. I doe not think that it damaged the crop More then half as bad as the Storm before this. the Crops in Fa. is Verry good where they did not have two Much rain.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Desteno Sept. 4, '56.

Mr. Jones

Sir your letter of the 6 of July came to hand 5 of August. I have bin hoping to hear from you for Som time but I have not gotten enny in Structions from you on the Subject of the other place tho I hop I shall hear Soon.

I am Sorry to say to you that wee have Suffered mutch from a Storm on the 30 of Aug and 1 of Sept with heavy rain tho I am glad to Say that thar was no lives loast but all moust every thing Elce was Shaken from Senter to Sircumfrance the fences was all laid low Som houses blown down and the topes of others blown off and a great deal of timber blown down, the Cotton intierly runed. all that was not picked out was bloan out and destroyed, the cottin was broak and twisted all to peases. I was Close up with the cottin So I fared better in that respect than amost enny one Elce. the New grounds cotton was the best cotton in this Country but is all torn to peases with limes [i. e., limbs] and treas and that which was not hurt with timber is Split all to Skratch for it was well

fruted and in Concequence of the [i. e., this] broak wors than it would of bin. I cant Make enney estamat of the losses or damges but they are grat.

the Ginnurl health of the people is Som better at this time with the exception of two or three cases. Phillis has bin Quit Sick for along time and is not mutch better and allso Bess and Nanna Barto tho Nanna is better. the health of the Children is better. they have had Quit a sickly year. I am in hopes that the health will improve now. I Shall have the new gin hous ready to put Cotton in befor long. I have made the olde one ancer for the present. I shall Commence to gin Soon in two or three days. it has taken all of the men fourse to repar and cut out the roades.

the Stock is doing well they are in fine plit [i. e., plight]. I Shall have to Comence gethring corn as soon as it will do, for it is all on the ground. I have Saved oates anuf for Sead and I hop to be able to Save peas allso. the potato crop is not as goode as it was last year. the behavor of the peaple is good as can be expected.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO JOHN EVANS[72]

VEVEY, [SWITZERLAND,] Oct. 2nd, 1856.

MR. JOHN EVANS,

SIR, I have today received your letter of the 2nd Septr. asking me to engage you again as overseer of my Chamouni plantation.

I much regret that I can not employ you.

[72] From a draft, in which many phrasings were tried and discarded. The text here printed seems to be what survived Jones's eliminations.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[Oct. 23, 1856.]

MR. GEORGE JONES,

SIR, I have came back to Chemoonie to gather your crop for you by the request of Mr. Moxley, he sed that your business on this place was going to destruction and that your crop would not be gatherd and beged me to come back and take charge of the plantation and I have done so and I hope that it will be sattisfactorily with you as wee parted as far as I know of friendly and I have noe hard feelings toward you. I shall Endeavor to doe the best for you I can while hear I stay and would Like to overseer for you a nother year if you think I would Suit you. I have come to the conclusion to hier out My hands and oversee for a few years More. I think the cotton crop will be a Little short on this place also the Corn. I could write you more about your place but I feel a dellicacy in doing so. the hogs is in bad order and will not be near enough raised for a nother year. I doe not see but Verry few of the shoats that I turned out for meat hogs this year and the sheep and Cattle is in bad order. the Mules is in good order. McCall Lost a Mule a Short time be[fore] I came on the plantation. they is 15 Mules on the place now. the Engine McCall put fier into it without having the boiler filled with water and he has injured it so that it Leaks out the water and it cant run so they have not bin but 9 bales of cotton packed hear this year and 3 or 4 more gined in the Lint room. Renty runaway about the engine but have Came in since I came on the place. Chesleys child died the day I arrived hear with dropsy so Mr. Moxley sed.

they is a good cow pea Crop made on the most of the corn fields. the ground pea Crop is sorry. the Sugar Cain is tolerable good also the potatoe crop.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[73]

El Destino Nov 1/56

Mr G Jones

Sir Your letter of the 22 of Sept has bin reseeved and I regret to learn that you are so much displeas with my Selling that corn. I did it with the best moat if [i. e., motive] for your intrust but I shall nether by nor Sell the amount of five Sence again.

I was not able to rit to you on the 15 off Oct thar for I have waited till the time in corse again. the health of your people is better at this time than they have bin enny time before this year and they are behaving well. I shall finish picking cotton in a few more days. I have gined and packed 70 bailes and have sent 63 to Newport and I think thar is 55 or 60 bailes in the New house to gin. I shall move the runing gear in a few days to the New house. the handes is making doore Shetters now. allso I shall move the Schrew [i. e., cotton "screw", or baling press] as soon as I can git the timbers for it. I am gitting out the boardes and halling loges for the boiler &c. Mr. Houston is at work hear now. I have not comenced on the ditching yet but I shall as soon as I can I have all of the crop housed except the potatoes and Shuger cain. the wether is still dry. wee have not had rain anuff to lay the dust since the storm. I have saved seed anuff of all and som to spare.

[73] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

D. N. MOXLEY TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[74]

El Desteno Nov. 18, 1856.

Mr. Jones

Sir your letter of the 29 of Feb. has bin reseived and I have bin waiting to hear from you in Savannah So that I might direct my letter to you.

I am glad to Say to you that the health of your peaple is good as can be expected all So the prospect of the Stock.

I have about finishing of the presint crop I have a little Scatrin cotton to pick.

I am clearing up the branch in frunt of your house tho I have not bin able to comence ditching yet, and in fact the cutting will have to be don first So that I can find whar to put the ditch. I am at work on the Schrew at this time.

the New Gin for Chamooni has not com to hand yet and the old one has Set the house on fier and wee have Stoped runing of it. Nor the Shugar mill has not com nor cart wheeales. I hope to See you in Fla. Soon.

ALLEN BOWEN TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[75]

El Distino March 1, 1857.

Mr Geo Jones, Jef Conty

Sure on Friday 20 i bilte a fense on the dich over ate big gate, beagey[?] was taken sick on thea 19 of this month and hea gote yupe agan the 26 heaz gine [i. e, going] a boute an is ate work agan. i have hade some little scik nes

[74] Accompanying a transcript of the El Destino journal.

[75] *Ibid.*

a monks the reste — big loucy is a boute like she was San [i. e., Sam] is Gittin some better. Doctor, boy of Lucy Bryant, that tuck mity cik nite bea fore laste he a is Gittin better to day. i beagan to plant Corn wenday thea 25. i have Gote Green feald planted and hase plant towe dase in read ooak [i. e., Red Oak, a field on Chemonie] 4 ploss run off and 7 hoeing i have gote All of My Co[r]n Land bed oute bute thate cute [i. e., cut, small field] Whare old jin hous stand in and those towe fealde bea twix thea yarde an ye bige Gate.

Prince on thea 25 on thursday hea made a parte of the fence aronde rose hill. Eaphrem is hollin rales [i. e., hauling rails] to finish thea beallens of ite. hea will gite dunn by tusday nite then i will have all of My outeside fence fixe. i am holling Meanure in Nobles field fore Cottin with 2 oxe Carte. i have broke towe steare sense you lefte here and thay workin fine. y Polley [i. e., Yellow (or Young) Polly] ise ate the Mill A Cock [i. e., as a cook] fore Mr. J. Roberson. his Wim [i. e., women] is both cik. shea wente Thurs the 26. i wante to sea haim to Day and se if hea cante make oute Nowe with oute here. i wante here to gowe to waving [i. e., weaving].

Prince was Clean yupe lande one [i. e., Prince, the foreman with his gang was cleaning up land on] the branch a bove thea rode that Leade from thea yarde to tha big Gate. hea has work thare 2 days with 12 hands thea. capr is fixe up My enters plaess [i. e., the carpenter is fixing up my entire place,] stock cottin planters. i cape Everthing move here [i. e., I keep everything moving here] filles M Queen is wattin on cik. Bessey is spining. shea hante gote rite well eite [i. e., yet] shea is som time yupe an then shea

is down a gane. i have gote cate to spin rite well. Mealey spin hafe of day. My Mules all ceepe yupe very well as eite. I have gote wone thate here winde has bin ingerd. Eaphrem ses thate hall don it 2 yeares a Gowe Gine to Talley hassa. ite yis wen calde betty. shea cante stand to be pushed. i have to lete here take here time.

i have hade 91 young peags to Com Senes youe left here. thea hogs is doweing fine. i hante hade bute won shote to dy Eite. thare was a blewe barrow that stade over at thea back of Nobles feald. hea was yupe this Mornig was A weake a gowe and hante bin yupe sense ner cante bea fond. i have gote the rise of 100 sheape. i have had a God menny of them tody. i have gote them oute in thea pinny wods [i. e., piney woods] thay are beagin to dowe beter. Nuth More.

i hante hade nowe Letter from you Eite.

JOHN EVANS TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES[76]

Leon County Florida May 3d 1858

Mr George Jones

Sir I enclose a copy of the Journal. I should of wrote you on the first of the Month but I have bin qite sick. this Leaves all the black people well and behaveing well. I am getting on with the business Left to My care as well as I could Expect. I have finished working the Corn. I give it a good ploughing and hoeing and have Planted the New Ground Corn in good order and I am now Choping and Ploughing Cotton. I have some grass at the Car place but

[76] Accompanying a transcript of the Chemonic journal

will get through with it this week if I have good wether. I have a good stand of Cotton but it wants choping out. I shall Endeavor to get over as qick as possible. the New ground Corn has not come up yet nor wont untill it rains. wee have dry weather hear. New Corn is wanting Rain. the wether Looks today Like wee may have Rain soon. I regret verry much to inform you that I Lost a Mule, one of the small Mules you bot some 4 or 5 years agoe. It was in good order at the time it was taken sick. I doctered it for Colic. I cut it open after it died and I found a great many Grubs and some of them had Et through. I doe not think it died with Colic. it must of bin some other disease. the rest of the team has improved since you left. the out Stock Looks Tolerable well. the Sows has Et up a great Many of the small pigs. the dry wether has caused the oat Crop to Rust a great deal.

D. F. HORGER TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE Dec. 12, 1865.]

I went to Town yesterday (or St. Marks). I did not find the Cotton. You have no Idea the little Round Bales, which I have understood it is thought to be Cotton Stolen, or some of it — and repacked in Round Bales. It cost me $5. (Cars and Dinner).

I want you to send to Town and get me a Locke for Sugar House. The Negroes have gone into it with key to fit the Locke on it. I also want 3 Lockes for Stable and Lot. Some mules have been rode here again. Have Good

Ones and all Different. A common Locke they can buy themselves. Let me know if any Lumber can be got at Mill. Some people around here want some.

[P. S.] I ordered David to the Mill and make inquiry abot Lumber.

D. F. HORGER TO WALLACE S. JONES

[CHEMONIE, June 5, 1868.]

William, who worked on the Canal with Jimmy, only worked two days, the week you left and the next week, and last Monday left the place with his things. Before leaving, and ever since you left, he has been trying to get all he could out of me, and did get some on the account your father speaking so favourably to me about him. He is in your debt $7.80. Edward has not done anything since you left but draw his rations until now. I refused to give him any last night.

Amelia has been drawing syrup since you left. Your father did not mention to me whether she was to draw or not. Prince failed to get meat at the commissary with the certificate your father gave him. "They gave as the reason that they in their contract had to obey all Lawful orders from G. N. Jones." I think myself, according to the orders, they had no right to issue to them, but they are doing it elsewhere to allmost all cases. My impressions are that if all the Elections wer over with for this year[?] the poor devils would not have smelled meat from them (the Commissary).

It is a little Dry, but the Crops are looking very well, and they are getting along with them, so far, very well, much better, I was fearful, that they would. They have struck a fresh breeze, and look like they intend to make something, or try for it. The West Gang, *I fear, wont do much.* Ephreams corn looks very well indeed. The Mill will grind as soon as they can get a Head of Water. I have let Prince have 31 lbs. meat, in all, at different times, since you left, and Demps a few lbs. last night. Am I right or not?

Your young Dogs have come to light — but they are off from the House, and I could not find them this morning to give you a description of them. By the time I come down here again, Bob will have found them, when I will let you know the particulars. I hope to Hear from you soon.

D. F. HORGER TO WALLACE S. JONES

[CHEMONIE, June 18, 1868.]

. . . West, I understand, lost his Grey Mule yesterday. You mind, he will say that he lost his Crop on account of it. They are suffering a little here for Rain, but it looks as if it might Rain this evening. Cato will get through with his Corn tomorrow, Aberdeen this week. Prince wont get through his before some time next week. Their Cotton are looking tolerable well, and they are keeping it in very good order so far. My Respects to your Brother and father.

[P. S.] The Iron with Cogs, that belong to Band Wheel, is not here.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO WALLACE S. JONES

MONTPELLIER, [FRANCE,] 7th July, 1868.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I had the pleasure to receive yours of the 17th June this morning. I notice all you say about Horger, corn, crops, and meat from Bureau.[77] I wonder when the negroes will find out those rascally Yankees.

Write to Horger I wish the cotton crop worked late, so as to keep down the beggar lice.

Cato's crowd is the only one which will have no scaffold for sunning cotton. If plank can be spared from the large scaffold, it might be used for that purpose. Prince and Aberdeen will have plenty of room inside. . . .

Do you get the Courier des Etats Unis? Don't distract your mind with much reading of newspapers, but "stick" to the law....

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO WALLACE S. JONES

MONTPELLIER, [FRANCE,] 18th, July, 1868.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 28th June three days ago, the day on which I wrote to your brother.

The news from Florida is not favorable as to the Mules, particularly as I fear neither Aberdeen or West will be able to pay for them.

I am glad you are pleased with your residence in Savannah. This has been a strange summer in Europe.

[77] The Freedmen's Bureau.

Hotter in Paris and London than in Montpellier, and in Italy the season has been disagreeably cold. The savants are exercising their wits to ascertain the cause.

I notice that you have drawn off the wine and find it sound but green. It is of the same vintage and drawn from the same tun as the wine we have been drinking in Florida.

Kentwyn has the measles. His case thus far is going on well.

I send you today seven more numbers of the Gaulois. It is a cowardly sheet in its obituaries. It ignores the roman maxim 'nil de mortuus nisi bonum" and indulges in abuse of men they would not have dared to vilify while living.

I hardly think it possible that Bullock[78] would appoint Bradley a Judge of the Superior Court — but I fancy the man whom he appoints Judge will admit Bradley to the bar.

You never mention the mill hands in your letter. What does Horger say about them?

I wrote you about the Pinion of the Cog wheel. I ordered it sent to the room at my store. It was in the Habershams' counting room.

I notice your account of the regatta. English snobs are a different race from the English gentlemen.

We go thrice a week to Carnot to bathe, your sisters, the boys and myself.

The debates in the French Chambers this spring have been quite interesting. The approaching oecumenique Council is eliciting much comment.

[78] The governor of Georgia under the Reconstruction régime.

What has become of Mrs. Mason who attempted to kill Lieut. Moore? Will your brother defend her? He had better offer his services.

Noble Harison is quite sick. Your Aunt Mary has been obliged to curtail her tour in consequence. In a former letter I mentioned my doubts of Agnes's honesty. I do not know that she was ever detected but she has been suspected. However I think she is probably as honest as most of her colour, only dont leave your valuables exposed.

Love from all to both of you.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO WALLACE S. JONES

MONTPELLIER, [FRANCE,] July 28th, 1868.

. . . The news which you send of Fla. affairs is going from bad to worse. Such must be the case where niggers are left to themselves. I think you would have done well to have told Horger to employ Horn to superintend them while they were repairing the dam at the break. . . .

D. F. HORGER TO WALLACE S. JONES

[CHEMONIE, Augt. 14th, 1868.]

. . . No depredations among the cattle since, nor do I think there will be. Jerry has left the place since they eat up the one killed. Although I have never Hinted who killed it, yet I told sevel I know who did kill it, and also the Goat. Demps came up here every time I came over until he found out I said I knew who killed the goat. He has't been here since.

They have commenced picking Cotton here. I have given them the Corn Sacks left in the Room — was that right? They tell me this morning, they have seen a few caterpillars. I ordered them to have the first brood of them killed, which I think will save the Crop 3 or 4 weeks longer. Their Cotton Crops are tollerable good. I have been sick the last 2 or 3 times I have been here and have't been out much. I hear of some Crops below Town having been eaten out already [i. e., by caterpillars]. When that is the case, it is a poor chance for cotton. Mr. Blocksome [i. e., Bloxham] told me that on five hundred [acres] of Cotton he did not have more than 30 bales. If the Cotton is destroyed in this, Middle Florida, it will be a serious case indeed.

P. S. From what I can learn, Prince are making improper use of the Corn given him to eat and for his mules. His mules looking very badly, and I think also others are doing the same. What shall be done with them? I have been trying to get them [to] attend to their stock, all, Prince particularly. He was feeding freely and doing more than any body else. The biggest Liyars in the world. I have got them so they wont ride a mule without asking me, and I tell you they dont ride much.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO WALLACE S. JONES

SAVANNAH, [GA.,] 16th. Nov./68.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

Your two letters of the 11th and 14th came to hand today.

I do not propose to extend the cane crop much beyond what is at present planted. Save enough to replant all the

missing places. You can use your judgment about employing old Jimmy. I presume he will now be on his good behavior for some time. As he is interested in the crop for his children he will be apt to watch Abram. Give orders that no outside negroes are to be at the Mill at night without your permission. I am not sorry that Prince is going away. . . .

I am fighting the Q. M. about my wharf and stores.[79] It is rather an unequal contest — but I have right on my side, while they have might. I fancy they are afraid of Grant. I certainly will not spare them. . . .

I cannot say when I shall be out — perhaps not until the 3d Dec.

[P. S.] Has Horger had the gin fixed?

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO D. F. HORGER[80]

El Destino 15th Jany. 1870.

Mr. Horger,

Sir: I have received your two letters, one to myself and the other to my son, in reply to my instructions to you about the mules,

I am reluctant to think that, in refusing to carry out my instructions, it was your intention to treat me with a want of respect.

[79] Jones was demanding payment of rent for the use of some of his property at Savannah by the United States army at the close of the Civil War.

[80] From a signed draft.

You bought the mules, but I paid for them, consequently they belong to me, and are subject to any disposition I may choose to make of them.[81]

As you have hitherto not given me cause to suppose that my instructions to you would not be respected, I trust that they will be in future.

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO T. B. SIMKINS

El Destino, Jan. 19, 1870.

Mr. T. B. Simkins,

Dear Sir: I duly rec'd your letter of the 18th in answer to mine of the same date.

I infer that your purpose [is] to hold on to Cato Neyle, altho' notified of my pre-existing contract with him.

If planters do not respect each other's contracts with the freedmen, it is evident that the freedmen will not respect their contracts with their employers.

The precedent once established will render all contracts uncertain, and result in general inconvenience.

As to the statement made by Cato that "I drove his wife off" I have to say it is untrue.

[81] A paragraph stricken from the draft explains in part the occasion for this letter; "I also requested you to lend the teams to the hands which were moving to this place, when not otherwise employed."

D. F. HORGER TO WALLACE S. JONES

[CHEMONIE, Jan. 23, 1870.]

. . . I wish you would get B. Robert and come up and fix stalls in the Stable . . . . Robert will do the job in a few days while any [of] these others will take 3 times as long.

We have started to work, and with luck, and a good Crop year, will not miss last years crop far, with present hands.

D. F. HORGER TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE, Jan. 24, 1870.]

MR. JONES:

Yours by Natt was received last night. When you asked the question, when you were here, whether it made any difference about a settle[ment] right off with me, I told you "It did not", for I had some Cotton to Gin and send to Depot, which I did, I also told you they would be 4 Bales of Rent Cotton, they were, you having about, in all, a corresponding amo[un]t in your Hands. I shipped 4 in my name. 2 Bales had been shipped when you were here. I did not see anything wrong in it, and hope they wont be, for I want you to get every dime that is yours, and you will get it. The rent of my sons Cotton are also arranged. I dont expect to spend a dime of my rent until we have a settlement. It is not sold yet, but will be in a day or two. *I hope that will be satisfactory,* for I never intended to do any thing wrong about it. Natt['s] statement and mine

you say were somewhat Confused. When you get returns from the Bale, you will be the judge who is correct. You know how much Cotton was sent from El Desteno.

I never found out untill last night that a part of Lewis Crowd had left him. Lewis I expect to git yet, but may not. For Chairs[82] has found out through Sam, who worked with Lewis last year, that Lewis thought of leaving, and Chairs has declined to have his Cotton Ginned, Lewis sent me word last night he wanted to see me, and if he does I will move him, if it is the first of March. He told Chairs he would not sign a contract with him untill his Cotton was Ginned or he gets pay for it.

Sam bargained with me, a week or two since, and asked me to save him Baraks House. If Lewis yet comes, he wont bring as many Hands as at first, Therefore there will be mules here to spare. I have given Queen, the best[?] your mules, to Dick. The Balance are here. Send over and get some of them.

The money for the Ducks are all right. You had better get them soon. They have commenced "Laying".

Have you any no. 50 plows, cast plows? We would like to get 4 or 5. And what about shop work? We will need some harnes. They were pretty badly broken last year. I am sorry Robert cant come. Two days would do all I want done, I think.

I would have gone to El Desteno before now, but have been quite indisposed, and would go today, but have been in bed more or less for the last two or three days. I send Polido today in order he may see Lewis on his return.

[82] Mr. Chairs was a neighboring planter, on whose estate Lewis was apparently a dissatisfied tenant.

Barak and others who came after him, of your old hands, were very bitter against you. Nathan is sorry he left. Says he is coming back next winter. I hope he will. He is all the one I regret leaving, although Ely is a tolerable good hand. Barak says Chairs told him "Whenever he wanted to ride, say nothing to nobody, go and get a mule and travel." And "sell his Cotton any time after it is packed, to whom he pleased." That was no doubt cheering[?] to him, but the chances may be for him to get none.

WALLACE S. JONES TO D. F. HORGER

SAVANNAH, [GA.,] May 26, 1871.

MR. D. F. HORGER,

Dr Sir, I send today 3 bls. flour marked respectively E, D and B; one for Ephraim, one for Demps, and one for Barack. Also I send 2 sacks flour, one for Jackson, and one for Thomas. Whoever hawls home these articles must, of course, expect no pay.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

SAVANNAH, [GA.,] June 29th/71.

. . . I received day before yesterday 4 letters in a batch from Horger of different dates. These letters had been laying in the P. O. owing to gross negligence of officials.

Horger reports favorably. The Cotton however is somewhat lousy. The hands doing their best to keep down the grass. It has rained incessantly lately, showers every day

down there. Winter's young mule is dead. H. saw the mule the day it died — nothing the matter, except overwork.

He writes he is in want of corn. He says he can buy corn down there at $1. a bushel, which he thinks too high for weavil eaten corn. It would cost $1.25 at least to ship the corn from here. What am I to do in the matter? . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

SAVANNAH, [GA.,] July 11th/71.

. . . I have heard from Horger up to 5th July. Winter's cotton in Moxley, poor — his corn in Fowler cut has come out finely. More or less grass in all the cotton. It rains continually down there. Joe, John Henry, Dick, Aberdeen and Demps are getting on well so far with their cotton.

The ditchers since our departure have run from Turkey Cut to brick, across brick, and joined the old ditch which divides your land from Gadsden's. They have also cleared out half of old ditch.

Horger says he tried to borrow corn but failed. He adds that he has bought some at $1 a bushel, but don't say how much. He says "he will have to have corn from now on....

D. F. HORGER TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

EL DESTENO Sept 14/71

MR. JONES,

Yours 26th Augt. just Receaved yesterday, and glad to hear you are getting Stout again. I have written a letter

every week to you or son since you left. Yet it seems they are slow going. From what cause I am unable to understand. Lately the Roads have been so badly washed up, not much travelling done. I wrote you a letter a week ago, and it has rained every day since, more or less, and some very heavy Rains. The Country is full of water, and every little Creek running over, and large ones too. And Cotton, turn about, very much injured and lost. Not much more than half work done, on ac[coun]t wet weather.

I have examined the Cotton that is out. I think they are trying to get their cotton out. It wont rate very high, on account bad weather. No rain today, for the first lately. Mules dont get any worse. Still looking very well, not having had corn in some days. They are still fed on "Beggar lice", together with what they get in pasture between meals.

Very little sickness among the hands now. Polido will make a fair crop for the season. Nat['s] corn, all, will be about 1/3 what the land ought to make. Thomas['s] Crop is "tolerable", Old Tom having the honour of making it while Thomas was running about. Dick, pretty fair crop, but getting about slow towards gathering it. Thomas and Nat, Eve and Pup only want a place to call home. And Scilla, Dick's youngest girl in the field, has run away from home 2 months ago, or nearly so, and he has failed, so far, to get hold of her.

My wife has been quite sick for sevel weeks, and in bed yet, but I hope better now, and will get up.

Cotton buyers begin to stir up the Negroes. I saw quite a pile, bought from the Negroes this season, at a certain

place (sev'l Bales), and not far from here. On the Miccasuki Lake, N. End, they are five "shantys" in 2 square miles, I am told by good authority.

[P. S.] I have just been able to get some Turnip seed — will be sowed at once. Did not get yours sent. None in Tallahassee, had to get from Miccasuki. Got all they had, and am afraid has not got enough yet.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Sept. 27th/71

My dear Father,

I merely write a few lines to announce my safe arrival and to say that upon a rapid glance about this morning, things look better than I had anticipated. The mules are looking well with one or two exceptions. When the oats come, the team will soon be running. Impossible to give any details at present. . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 9th/71.

My dear Father,

I was glad to receive your's of the 1st inst. on Saturday. I would write oftener myself were it not that the mail facilities here are even poorer than last year. The train *for* Savannah passes at no. 2 [station] at 9 A. M., too early to get Robert off: and the train *from* Savannah reaches no. 2 at 7½ P. M.

The Mule "Barney" which John has plowed during the last year, has been quite lame for 2 months (so says Demps). The mule must have slipped in some way sideways, for in my opinion the muscles deeply seated in the right shoulder were sprained. I put a seton at the point of the shoulder, and painted with iodine the inside of arm: and already the mule is better. The mules generally are beginning to pick up. They get oats at 12 M. and new corn at night.

Rebecca's crop is a total failure, she made *in all* 41 bushels corn and 300 bundles fodder. She may make 1 bale cotton.

Horger's mare died from staggers a week ago. He asked me to send him a mule to ride until he could purchase a horse. I have done so, and hope he will soon provide himself.

I have put Lewis and Jim Fox to cutting hay. We are always short of provender for oxen. The cane, I think, will make a fair yield. Ancil has worked well during summer. Thomas and Jimmy have done little. . . .

Scilla will get in her corn tomorrow. My calculation is for 68 bales [of cotton] here and 26 from Chamouni. . . .

Joe will begin tomorrow plowing up pasture for rye and oats. . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 11th/71

. . . If you propose getting frames to keep out mosqitoes, would it not be well to have the bottoms of doors in

wood, or strengthened in some way to prevent these *unfortunate* dogs from running thro them?

The Ku Klux, fifteen in number, dressed in white, riding mules, waited on Tom Simpkins the other night to inform him he must quit buying cotton in the seed. The Ku Klux have shut up 3 stores at No. 4[83] on that a/c. Lloyd has got scared and declines buying cotton in seed. I am told the K Ks have notified Parkill and G. A. Chairs to quit this business.

I received a few days ago a letter from Asst. Assessor U. S. Int[ernal] Rev[enue] at Monticello, stating that it had come to the knowledge of the Dept. that you were selling tobacco without a license, enclosing a form for you to sign and return to him without delay, it becoming his duty to assess you on this a/c. I replied that you were now absent from the State, that I, myself, had just returned after an absence of over 4 months, that you keep no store; that you advance tobacco to the plantation hands, as you do bacon, and that for my part if this came within the statute, I was unaware of this construction. With this statement I returned the form signed by myself as attorney for G. N. J.

I went to depot today and mailed the letter, when I ascertained that you were liable to the special tax of "retail dealer in tobacco". The tax is $5. per annum. The form was made out from 1st. May, 1871 to 1st May 1872. I suppose we have got off light. . . .

[83] No. 4 was a railroad station. The buying of seed cotton was resented because it fostered the theft of cotton from the fields.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 19th/71.

My dear Father,

I have been somewhat under the weather since Monday. It has been very warm, and I am suffering from a boil on my thigh, which makes riding unpleasant. I manage to get about, however. A second load of shingles, 1430, were hawled yesterday. Skipper promised to resume work Monday.

As is always the case with each succeeding year, there will be many changes among the companies next year. Winter wishes to job about. He is anxious to buy Puss Mule for Elsey to make a crop with. Whatever money will be coming to him and Elsey from the division of cotton he is anxious to turn over to you as a first instalment on price of mule. I don't think his cotton money can amount to more than $50 at present prices if as much. He might do more towards paying for mule, as I intend to put him with George to getting boards. Winter's crop is poor — old Caesar has been sick all the year, Elsey and Martha have both been confined. Winter has hawled to your cribs just 150 bbls. corn (feed for 2 mules for one year) — he has saved plenty of fodder. Scilla has hawled to your crib 65 bbls. corn, and 320 bdls [i. e., bundles] fodder. Old Jimmy, John Pride and Ben Wallace are now hawling in. The corn generally is indifferent, small.

Ancil's a/c shows $30 odd to his credit. He is very anxious to *farm* next year. He says his family is large and he can't support it at 50cts. a day. He wants you to

sell him Sam Mule, the one Winter worked this year. He says he would like (as a matter of course he would) to get Sam on a credit for $100. — that he wishes to draw his wages at end of year. Edward Norris (John Henry's brother) would work with him. Ancil and Edward would plant corn in field near old burnt mill and would fence in 12 acres of tobacco house field if they got a showing.

Charles wishes to pull off to himself. Barrack to work with his own family. Old Jimmy would go in with Dick. Guy wants to go to himself. Isaac I think will leave. Madison will make an effort to rent land. I have heard nothing from Henry. Bob Habersham (now Chaires' right hand man) is trying to induce all the hands away from here. Chaires offers for next year to give ½ corn and 1/3 of cotton. When he gets in hands he will go back on them.

Ephraim wants to buy Britton's mule from you. Eph. has made a crop, as usual.

I have written to Habs. [i. e., Habersham and Son] to insure gin house for $2000 (it could not be rebuilt for less) and 30 bales. Hope soon to start gin. Have had the new brush, breasting and ribs put in, the saws sharpened. Hands at work on screw — the bed has given way. Shall not put in new levers immediately.

Robert has planted the asparagus. I had a new bed made, and put in a plank bottom. Have failed to find a bottom to bed where asparagus were planted last year — the cause probably why they came to nothing.

P. S. Can you find a treatise on *sugar making*? . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Nov. 2nd/71.

. . . Jimmy this morning packed out 2 bales, weighing 560 and 550 gross, with 102½ lbs. lint left in room. He will hardly have as much more to gin — sorry crop of corn and cotton he has made. The gin gives a good deal of trouble — hope to get it running well soon.

Began sowing oats and rye this morning. I found in the sack from N. Y. a package of Red Clover and Red Top Grass. I presume you want them planted near Pond.

I have now on hand nearly 3000 shingles. Skipper writes that he has 4500 more ready to be hawled, that he is sick, but hopes to be able to complete the order. Have not been able to begin shingling house — expect to make a start soon. Ancil has painted the lumber room, and is now painting Bob's house. We had a good rain yesterday.

The Register of Rensselaer Institute has been received. The course of studies is very thorough.

The tendency on the part of hands appears to be to break up in very small squads, as for instance a man with his wife and children; and even if he has no children, to attempt to make a crop with the help of his wife. This might be tried if the negro owned the mule. There is general dissatisfaction expressed by hands with the head men of squads. The latter, it is claimed, are too dictatorial, and do not perform their share of the labor — a great deal of truth in the latter complaint. . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Nov. 14th/71.

. . . Ephraim and Ben have made poor corn crops. They are, however, the most deserving of your hands. When he went to Vass, Eph. fenced the whole place. This fence, altho repaired last year, is pretty much done for. Braden's stock has had full range thro' Vass lately. You have heretofore been at no expense fencing over there. Eph. asks what you will do towards helping him. Considering that you had helped others, I answered that you would pay for a ditch from Sweetwater bank to River Field, a distance of more than a mile. A ditch a mile long would cost you $123.48 — a rail fence same distance would require 12,000 rails, at a cost of $90.

Ephraim would hawl rails and build fence if the rails were paid for by you. I rather think he would agree to put rails on ditch fence. A single ditch will not turn stock — a double ditch does not always turn them — a rail fence will. Eph. would rake fence. I told Ben he could begin by splitting 2000 rails, until I heard from you. Please let me know. Now is the time for them to go to work on this job.

Harger is fussy, always wanting something. The fact is he has nothing at Chamouni.

I would not think of upsetting your plans. I am much obliged for the offer to relieve me here. I saw Canada and N. Y. this year — I can survive not seeing the Sav[ann]ah fair.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Dec. 1st./71.

My dear Father,

After my return I was busy at sugar mill. The amount of syrup made in all is 329 gals.

I wanted to go to Chamouni to see about cow, but the weather has been wretched yesterday and today. Hope to get over there soon.

Dicks Co[mpany] have packed out 6 bales, probably will make 3 more. Aberdeen's is ginning.

There is some demand for shoes and cloth. I always notice that the hands usually draw their cotton money, and then take up shoes and cloth on the a/c of the New year. The better plan, I think, would be not to bring a very large supply — say 2 doz. men's shoes and 2 doz. women's shoes, some no. 5 among them. Also woolen cloth, and osnaburgs for back bands.

Please send 1 doz. 7 inch hoes and some curry combs. Also bring change, 25 cent pieces and 50 cent pieces. . . .

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO WILLIAM CHRISTIE[84]

El Destino, Jefferson County,
14th Decr., 1871

Mr. Wm. Christie:

Dear Sir:

As my Leon County Plantation[85] adjoins yours, I have given you the refusal of it on the following terms, viz.

[84] From a signed draft.

[85] Chemonie.

1. The land to be conveyed to you in fee upon delivery to me or my representatives, at [station No.] 2, J. P. and M. R. R., of three hundred and seventy-five (375) bales of cotton (quality middling) of five hundred pounds each, in 5 equal annual instalments of 75 bales, in merchantable order.

2. The title to remain in me until the last instalment is paid.

3. In case of failure to pay any instalment, I reserve the right of peaceable entry on land without process of law.

4. The new gin may be purchased at cost including freight, $220.

5. The Mules, cattle, corn and fodder to be paid for in cash or a note payable in 12 mos., with 10% added.

If you accept of my proposition, let me hear from you or see you by Tuesday next — otherwise consider it withdrawn.

D. F. HORGER TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

[CHEMONIE, February 9, 1872.]

MR JONES

DEAR SIR

Yours with Respect to the Syrup was Receaved Yesterday. I was conscention [i. e., conscientious] in dividing the Syrup, believing no other than we were to divide the Syrup after Labour was paid, equally, my owning ¾ of the Cane. If you believed otherwise, the Cane Having been all made on Your Land, I have nothing to say, but to send the Syrup when I can. I send you the Amount of Syrup made as follows . . . [total 412 gallons].

GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO D. F. HORGER[86]

[El Desteno, February, 1872.]

Mr. Horger, Sir,

Yours of the 9th has been rec'd. You give as a reason for dividing the cane crop of last yr. equally that you owned ¾ of the seed. How can this be, when if your interpretation of the contract was correct I would have been entitled to at least ½ the crop of 1870 after labor was paid, and as the seed saved was a portion of that crop, one half by your own showing belonged to me. Out of your half of the seed you sold 1500 stalks. Last year all of mine was planted, and only what was left of yours (after deducting the 1500 stalks sold). It follows I furnished that number of stalks more than you for the crop of 1871, which upon your own theory would entitle me to a larger share of the crop. You say that the cane has been all made on my land. You omitted the fact that I also furnished the manure and fertilizer, the team that cultivated it, the food that fed the team, the sugar mill that ground the cane, and the furnaces that boiled it, for all of which you propose to give me only a fourth of the crop. I have been a planter for over 40 years, such a contract would be the worst I ever made.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, March 6th/72

. . . John Pride asked before you left for 12 yds. white osnaburgs and 12 yds. striped.

[86] From an unsigned draft.

Perhaps it would pay to get some common whiskey for the nigs.

Getting on slowly hawling. Plowing progressing nicely. Weather today very warm.

Please send one or two axes and 1 hatchet.

Trust you will find things progressing favorably at Jefferson. . . .

[P. S.] Please send one box of soap for own use—the negroes as you are aware, have been buying soap *occasionally,* reducing thereby our supply.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, March 11th/72.

. . . The heavy rain on Saturday has caused the Mill House to give way under the meal room . . .

I learn that Horger, Mrs. H. and their son are all very ill at Chemonie, and perfectly helpless . . . .

The roads about the quarters are badly washed — some gullies formed in plowed fields . . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, March 17, 1872.

. . . I notice the move Gamble is making to entice away your hands. Hope you will succeed in defeating him.

Please order from Holcombe a box of tobacco. Bring some egg plant seed if you think of it.

18th, March. It rained here yesterday. Started one wagon to hawling rails for Ancil this morning.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, March 20th/72.

My dear Father,

Lillie received your's of 15th last Monday. Lillie requests you to get: some 10 cent stamps, lemons, 1 oz. stick cinnamon, some cooking cheese, 1 lb. black cooking pepper.

The churn is getting rather ancient: the butter contains sticks, chips, etc. The milk strainer is also in bad repair.

Please bring some *Egyptian Stock Food,* for the steers. M. J. Solomons on the Bay [in Savannah] sells it. March, as you know, is a trying month on stock, between shucks and grass. Two steers have died since you left, one from work.

Lillie requests you to bring "6 copies of the simplest kind of catechism." Dick and Mad are supposed to be teaching Sunday school.

I presume you will get the Habershams' a/c, in order to make out your income tax . . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 7th/74.

My dear Father,

Last Monday I went to Chamouni. No one over there seems to have any idea about fixing a gin to run light. I had gin removed and things altered for the better, tho' did not have time to remain. Albert was ginning. Suppose he packed out today not more than 1000 lbs. of lint. This is less than hands at El Desteno are doing. Horger looks much better.

Bob Hab[ersham] writes that 10 bales had been received from this place (23 have been shipped), 7 of which were classed middling and 3 as low middling . . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 10th/74.

. . . This morning I send forward 8 bales, in all 31 shipped. I settled with Guy for his share at 12 cents.[87] Thus far 3558 lbs. of lint have been ginned and shipped, proceeds of wages crop. I believe I shall reach 4000 lbs. of lint, not more. Think the wages crowd will be the champion cotton growers, notwithstanding the fact that 6 acres (below the cane patch) have not made *one* bale.

Last evening at tea A. said, *ex abrupto*: "When I leave I shall write to Mrs. Parkill and tell her why I have been unable to call on her, etc." To which I made no comment. Perhaps you know more about the intentions than I do.[88]

No mail yesterday — run off, I suppose. Today G. has gone to town.

Shall begin hawling corn Monday.

What news of Noble?[89]

[87] Twelve cents per pound of cotton.

[88] "A" was presumably the wife of George Fenwick Jones, who is mentioned as "G" in the next paragraph.

George Fenwick Jones, brother of Wallace Savage Jones and father of the present George Noble Jones, was then sojourning as an invalid at El Destino. He died in 1876. A patching up of the quarrel with the neighboring Parkills is intimated in the next letter (Oct. 14).

[89] This query presumably relates to the present George Noble Jones, then three years of age.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 14th/74

My dear Father,

Last night we had a light frost, scorched the cane slightly. I am having a new frame made for rollers (sugar mill). The old one was rotten.

The 12 acres over branch have yielded 266 bushels, or 22 1/6 bushels corn to acre. Two hoeings are necessary to make good corn.

This has been a very fine year for cotton and corn. It is true that the drought caused cotton to shed its leaves, and bolls to open before they were thro'ly grown; but when shall we see the like of 1874 again? My only regret is that we had not planted 50 acres of cotton with wages hands. Cane crop thro' the country very good; acreage small, however.

This cold change has set me up again. No rain, Thermometer at 60° in Entry at 12 o'clock.

I believe I must ask you to get me a thick jacket—dark blue.

Oct. 15th. — More or less friendly terms have been resumed between parties.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES

El Destino, Oct. 18th/74.

My dear Father,

Yesterday I received a letter from Cox, Collector of Revenue for Taylor [County]. He writes that County

Commissioners have assessed your land at $2 per acre — their reasons for so doing is that a good deal of cedar grows on your land, which cedar is very valuable. I saw no cedar on your land. Cox says he tried to get the Commissioners to reduce assessment to 50 cts. per acre, but failed — he wants to know what your decision is. Total tax, $117.15. I will write that upon your return you will communicate with him.

Cotton is looking up — hope we may get 15 cts. per lb.

The wages crop is housed. Expense, $470. Result; 500 bushels corn and 4000 lbs. lint cotton, 5000 lbs. fodder, 20 bushels ground peas, 20 bushels field peas. Potatoes and cane still to be housed . . . .

ROBERT H. GARDINER[90] TO WALLACE S. JONES

OAKLANDS, [MAINE,] June 27th, 1876.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I have been wishing for a long time to write to you, but seem to have lost the faculty of letter writing. I have to thank you for two letters. It seems to me that instead of requesting the court to appoint you as trustee, it is much better to have Dr. Harrison, as he attends to the whole of the Augusta estate, and it would only be a bother to you. I think it is very desirable that I should come out this winter to look into affairs. Your Father as trustee held a note of

[90] Robert Hallowell Gardiner, born in 1809, married in 1842 Sarah Fenwick Jones, who is mentioned as "Aunt Fenwick" in this letter.

mine, and from time to time made endorsements on it from receipts, dividends of stocks, and also $170 a year for use of 170 acres at Jefferson of Aunt Fenwick's portion. I have had no statement of my ac[count] with him for some years. I have, beside what he has rec[eive]d to my credit at the South, also made him two or three payments, and these I suppose he endorsed on my note. I made two payments, I remember, of $500 each.

I urged your Father very strongly to sell all the Florida estate, and at last he agreed. He said it was nothing but a bill of expense. If so, I told him, he had better give it away than keep it. At first he said he had better sell for $15,000 than to keep it; so I wrote a flattering ac[count] of it, fine land and climate, railroad between the two plantations, never-failing water power which could be made use of again, etc. He copied my programme with a few modifications, inserted $20,000 instead of $15[000] as the price, and gave it to Dr. Harrison to show to a land agent, but insisted that not a dollar expense for advertising or anything else was to be incurred. You know there is a great rage at the North for Florida. It is true that it is all for the St. John's River, but I have little doubt that you could find a man in N. York to under take the sale if you would give him a handsome commission — say for instance if he obtains $30,000, he to have 20 per cent. I do think it is too bad you and Lillie and Noble should sacrifice all your lives and agreeable pursuits in life for what pays nothing. I hope you and Lillie will come North this summer, and if so will not fail to make a visit at Oaklands, and I should be glad to see Noble too.

ROBERT H. GARDINER TO WALLACE S. JONES

OAKLANDS, [MAINE,] Nov. 7th, 1879.

MY DEAR WALLACE,

I have been intending to write ever since I rec[eived] your kind letter acknowledging the receipt of the obituary I sent you. I rec[eived] a letter from Dr. Harrison, saying he had waited to see you and that you had been detained by fever. I was very sorry to hear this. It is too aggravating to think of that you and Lillie and Wallace [error for Noble?] are all exiled to El Destino, cut off from society and very much that makes life interesting, and *cui bono?* You owe it to your country to have a wife and snug home, and what chance is there while you are banished to El Destino, with a sojourn in solitude at Jefferson by way of variety? I was continually hammering away at your Father about the Florida estates . . . . [Repeats the narrative and argument of his letter of June 27, 1876.] I wrote the other day to Dr. Harrison, begging him to urge you to sell. You were not cut out for a planter, nor for a lumberman and millowner; and the sooner you can sell to some one who has a taste that way, the better for you and all the heirs.

Your letter of the 3rd., rec[eived] today, speaks of Jefferson and the rent of Aunt Fen's portion. In old times, you know, your Father paid me one-third net proceeds of crop. Then when the war came, I proposed to him to exchange Aunt Fen's interest for the Newport house. He wrote a letter accepting the proposition, and told your Aunt Mary the exchange had been made. But I never rec[eive]d the letter, and as in the meantime Sherman on

his march to the sea had burned the 500 bales of cotton on hand, worth $225. a bale, the bargain fell through. I then proposed to your Father to buy the land. He said he could not afford it, but would pay $1. per acre per annum for such part as he used, and he continued to pay $150 for the use of 150 acres. I know you have had a hard time planting and I hope this year you are going to do a great deal better. I cannot but think you ought to pay something for the use of Aunt Fen's share of the plantation . . . .

WALLACE S. JONES TO C. W. JONES[91]

LLOYD'S, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA,

May 9th/85.

HON. C. W. JONES,
U. S. SENATOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR,

At the election held last Tuesday for delegates to the Constitutional Convention the Democrats carried this county for the first time since the War, thus sending a full delegation to Tallahassee.

We hope to do as well hereafter, and secure representation of the taxpayers of our county in future legislatures.

[91] From a signed draft. The concluding paragraph, here printed in brackets, was stricken from the draft. As a schoolboy Wallace S. Jones had lived in France, and his writing showed a permanent effect of this in the crossing of the figure 7. He had translated *The Prison Life of Jefferson Davis* for French publication in 1867. He did not procure a foreign appointment at this time, but was U. S. Consul at Messina, and afterward Consul General at Rome, by appointment of President Cleveland.

Col. W. C. Bird by his influence and advice contributed largely to our success last Tuesday. His friends sincerely hope that it may meet the views of the Florida delegation in Congress to recommend him for the office of U. S. Marshal to which he aspires. I therefore beg leave to mention his name.

[Will you be kind enough to inform me if in your opinion my application to the President for a foreign appointment is likely to be passed upon by Secretary Bayard in the near future?]

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES II[92]

68 Via Venti Settembre Rome

Jany 11th/98.

Yours of 20th. ult. duly received, and today a letter came from Capt. Willie stating that the sale of our lands to parties from Ohio had probably fallen thro'. I have written to him giving him carte blanche as to terms of sale in the future, and requesting him to act in the matter as tho' the property were his own. A half of loaf is better than nothing. We should get rid of this land at as early a day as possible. There never will be money in cotton grown on our lands. Besides, the negroes are leaving, etc. So *Please* ratify Willie's action, whatever it may be . . . .

[92] Wallace S. Jones was now U. S. Counsul General at Rome. The recipient of the letter was his nephew, grandson of the first George Noble Jones, and the present owner of the manuscripts which are printed in this volume.

WALLACE S. JONES TO GEORGE NOBLE JONES II

68 Via Venti Settembre Roma[93]

May 28th, 1898.

Dear Noble,

We were pleased to receive yours of 14th inst this a. m. A friend of mine in Washington called on Secretary of State the other day — the Secty. said he did not require my services in Europe at this time, so I shall carry out my plan and sail June 3rd from Naples on Ems due in N. Y. June 15th. Shall stop in Washington for a few days. Your Aunt has just rec'd a letter from Mr. Habersham.

We are delighted that you are to remain in Sav[ann]ah and not go [to] the front in this useless and foolish war.[94] Business at the South will be knocked pretty high. The negroes too, may give us trouble.

Whose War is it? I cannot make out.

Much love to all — hoping to see you soon.

[93] This address is engraved upon the sheet on which the letter was written.

[94] Alluding to the war between the United States and Spain.

EL DESTINO PLANTATION JOURNAL, 1847[1]

January

Friday 1. Wind South.

3	3 sick — Isham, Nancy I[sham], Nancy B[artow] confind.
9½	4 halling railes, 3 geting boards, 2½ pealing poles.
12	12 cuting, roalling and beurning logs in prelo field.
19½	19½ hands cleaning up prelo oald field.
——	Sam geting boards. Delia cooking for me, Amy
44	[cooking] for hands, Venus at Mr. J[ones's] hous. Ben J[ackson] mind hogs.

Satturday 2. Wind South.

3	3 sick—Isham, Nancy I, Nancy B. confind.
5	4 halling boards, 1 malling railes.
3½	1, Ephriam gon to St. Marks, 2½ pealing poles.
5	3 geting boards, 2, Jimey and Chesley gon on Ocilla [river].
12	12 cuting, roalling and beurning logs.
15½	15½ hands cleaning up prelo oald field.
——	Sam geting boards, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus at Mr. J. hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 3.

[1] Written by the overseers, viz. one Noble from January 1 to August 30, and Joshua N. Saunders from August 31 to December 31.

Slaves of less than standard working capacity were rated as fractional hands. The totals in the tabulations (e. g. 44) here include only the field corps and not the carpenter, the cooks and the swineherd.

Munday 4, Wind South, Rain.

3 3 Sick—Isham, Nancy I, Nancy B. confind.
4 2 halling boards, 2 halling plow timber.
6½ 2 halling railes, 2½ pealling poles, 2 on ocilla.
13 1 malling railes, 12 cuting and roalling beurning logs.
17½ 17 hands cleaning up prelo oald field.
—— Sam repairing plowstock, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous. Ben J. mind hogs.

Teusday 5. Wind North, Frost.

3 Sick—Isham, Nancy I, Nancy B, spining.
5 4 halling railes, 1, Ephriam, gon to Tallahassee.
4½ 2½ pealling poles, 2, Jimey and Chesley, on ocilla.
9 8 cuting and roalling logs in prelo, 1 malling railes.
22½ 2 geting boards, 20½ cleaning up prelo field.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wednesday 6, Wind South East in the morning, & South evening.

3 3 Sick, Isham, Nancy I, Nancy B spining.
8 6 halling railes, 2, geting boards.
4½ 2½ pealling poles, 2, Jimy [and] Chesly on ocilla.
8 6 roalling logs in prelo, 2 cuting logs.
20½ 1 geting cole wood, 19½ cleaning up prelo.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 7. Wind South West, Rained and then fared off.

3 3 Sick—Isham, Nancy I, Nancy B spining.
6 4 halling maneure in Redoak, 2 halling railes.
2 1, Robert, repareing plowstock, 1 malling rails.
3 2, Jimy and Chesley on ocilla, 1, Tamer cooking for me.
30 30 hands cleaning up prelo oald field.
—— Sam repareing wagon, Delia sick. Amy cooking for
44 hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 8. Wind North, thick ice.

1½ 1½ Sick, Isham & George.
4 4 halling manure in Redoak field.
3 2 halling railes, 1, R[obert] making plowstock.
4 1 malling railes, 2 on ocilla, 1, Tamer, cooking for me.
9 3 geting boards, 6 roalling logs in greens field.
22½ 2 cuting logs, 20½ in prelo oald field.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia Sick, Amy cooking
44 for hand[s], Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 9. Wind North East, Coald, Ice all day.

1½ 1½ Sick, Isham & George.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
1 1 R, repareing plows half the day, then went to town.
3 2, Jimy and Chesley on ocilla. 1, Tamer, cooking for me.
3 1, Easter, trying up fat, 2 geting boards.

9½ 6 roaling logs, 2 cuting logs, 1½ pealling poles.
19 19 hands in prelo oald field.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia Sick, Amy cooking
44 for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 10.

Munday 11. Wind South East in morning, north wes[t] in evening.

1 1 Sick, Isham.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 making negro cloth[e]s.
6½ 2 halling wood, 2 geting board[s], 2½ pealing poles.
2 1 R repareing plowstock, 1 malling railes.
11 2 Jimy and Chesly on ocilla, 9 cuting and roalling logs.
17½ 17½ cleaning up greens field.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus at Mr. J hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 21. Wind North, Frost and Ice.

1 1 Sick, Isham.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 sewing negro clothes.
4 2 halling board, 2 geting board.
3½ 2½ pealing poles, 1, R., repareing plows.
11 2 Jimy and Chesly on ocilla, 9 cuting and roalling
17½ logs in greens [field], 17½ cleaning up at greens,
—— 1 malling railes, Sam repareing plows, Delia cooking
44 for me, Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 13. Wind South, Clowdy, warm.

2½	2½ Sick, Isham, Tom, Tirah.
8	4 halling maneure, 2 spining, two halling boards.
5½	1 in shop, 2 geting board, 2½ pealing poles.
2	1, R, repareing plows, 1 malling railes.
11	2, Jimy and Chesly on ocilla, 9 cu[tt]ing and rolling logs.
15	15 beurning logs and scrapeing fence corners.
——	Sam repareing plowstock, Delia cooking for me,
44	Amy for hand[s], Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 14. Wind South West.

2½	2½ Sick, Isham, Tom B. Lucy.
8	4 halling maneure, 2 spining, 2 geting boards.
5½	1 in shop, 2 halling boards, 2½ pealing poles.
2	1, R, repareing plowstock, 1 malling railes.
11	2, Jimy and Chesly on ocilla, 9 cuting and roaling
15	logs, 15 beurning logs and rakeing fence [corners].
——	Sam repareing plowstocks, Delia cooking for me,
44	Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. J. hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 15. Wind South.

2½	2½ Sick, Isham B. Lucy, Tom.
4	2 halling maneure, 2 halling wood for Mr. Jones.
5	2 spining, 2 halling board, 1 in shop.
4	2 geting [boards] 2, Jimy and Chesly on ocilla.
1	1 survaying with Mr. Ervin.
9	6 roalling logs, 3 cuting logs.

18½ 1, R, repareing plowstock, 17½ rakeing fence corn-
—— ers. Sam repareing plows, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus at Mr. Jones hous. Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 16. Wind South.

1 1 Sick, Isham.
8 4 halling maneure, 2 Spining, 2 halling board.
6 1 In shop, 2 giting boards, 3 malling Rails.
7 1, R, survaing with Mr. Ervin, 6 Roling Logs.
4 3 cuting logs, 1 Repareing plowstock.
18 18 Rakeing fence corners.
—— Sam repearing plowstocks, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hand, Venus spining, Ben J. minding Hogs.

Sunday the 17.

Munday 18. Wind South, Lite rain, cloudey all day.

3 3 Sick, Isham B. Lucy, Tamer.
3 2 halling maneu[r] 1, Ephriam, gone to newport.
11 3 cuting logs, 8 beuilding new quarter.
4 2 plowing in prelo oald field, 2 spining.
4 3 malling railes, 1 in shop.
18 18 raking up maneure in lots.
1 1 halling wood.
—— Sam at new quarter, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hand, Venus at Mr. Jones hous, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 19. Wind South, rainy weather.

4 4 sick, Isham B. Lucy, Tamer, Mary J.
3 2 halling maneure, 1, Ephriam gone to newport.

12½ 2½ cuting logs, 8 beuilding, 2 plowing in prelo field.
6 2 Spining, 3 malling railes, 1 in shop.
18½ 2 halling railes, 16½ rakeing finc [i. e., fence] corners.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wednesday 20. Wind South, Clowdy, drizaly weather.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Mary, John.[2]
3 2 halling maneure, 1, Ephriam gone to newport.
10 2 cuting logs in Rose hill, 8 beuilding.
3 1 in shop, 2 plowing in prelo oald field.
7 2 spining, 3 malling railes, 2 halling railes.
19 19 hands rakeing fenc corners round nobles [field].
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 21. Wind North West, Cool, cloudy.

3 3 sick, Isham, Mary J., Winey.
4 2 halling maneure, 2 halling leaves.
1 1, Ephriam gon to town with Mr. Jones.
4 2 grinding, 2 cuting logs in rosehill.
3 1 in Shop, 2 plowing in prelo oald field.
13 2 spining, 3 malling railes, 8 beuilding.
16 16 hands rakeing fence corners.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

[2] Mary and John were evidently rated as "half hands", capable of doing half the work of a full grown adult.

Friday 22. Wind North, Coald, Ice.

3 3 Sick, Isham, Mary, John, Winey.
8 4 halling leaves in lot, 4 rakeing leaves.
3 2 cuting logs in rose hill, 1 in Shop.
4 2 plowing in prelo field, 2 spining.
11 8 beuilding, 3 malling railes.
15 15 hand knocking cotton stalks.[3]
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 23. Wind North East, Rain half the day.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Mary, John.
7 4 halling maneure, 3 making plow lines.
4 2 halling railes, 2 plowing in prelo oald field.
13 2 spining, 8 beuilding, 3 malling railes.
18 1 in shop, 17 knocking cotton stalks.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 24.

Munday 25. Wind North East.

3 3 Sick, Isham, Mary, John, Tirah, Abram.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
3 2 plowing in prelo field, 1 in shop.
4 2 making plow lines, 2 spining.
11 3 malling railes, 8 beuilding.
9 9 hand knocking cotton stalks in gin hous field.

[3] Breaking down stalks, which if left standing would annoy the mules when ploughing.

8 8 roaling logs in rose hill.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 26. Wind South, Rain in the evening.

3 3 Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah, Abram.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
8 8 plows breaking up woods pasture field.
5 1 spining, 1 in shop, 3 malling railes.
16 8 beuilding, 8 roalling logs in [gin] ho[u]s field.
6 6 knocking cotton [stalks] in hous field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 27. Wind North, fared off.

2½ 2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
6 6 plows breaking up woods paster [i. e., pasture].
2 2 laying off[4] corn land in nobles field.
8 8 beuilding part of day, then got poles.
4 1 spining, 3 malling railes.
8 8 rolling and beurning logs.
7½ 7½ hand knocking cotton stalks in hous field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 28. Wind Northwest in morning, and South in evening. Rain at night.

2½ 2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.

[4] See glossary.

6 6 plows breaking up woods paster field.
2 2 laying off corn land in nobles field.
9 9 hand geting timber for houses.
5 1 Spining, 1 in shop, 3 malling railes.
11 hands beurning logs and chunks.
3½ 3½ knocking cotton stalks [in] hous field.
—— Sam geting poles, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 29. Wind South West, Rain in the morning, fared off in the evening.

2½ 2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah.
6 3 halling maneure, 3 halling poles.
6 6 plows breaking up woods paster.
4 2 halling railes, 2 laying [off] land in nobles field.
8 7 hands geting poles and rafters, 1 in shop.
8 3 malling railes, 5 spining.
9½ 9½ knocking cotton stalks hous field.
—— Sam geting hous logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 30. Wind North, white frost.

2½ 2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah.
6 3 halling maneure, 3 halling poles and rafters.
10 2 halling railes, 8 plows in nobles field.
11 7 beuilding, 3 malling railes, 1 in shop.
4 1 gon to town, 1 spining, 2 plows in prelo oald field.
10½ 10½ beurning logs and chunks in rose hill [and]
—— Red oak.
44 Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 31. Frost.

February, 1847.

Munday 1. Wind East.

2½	2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J., Tirah.
5	2 halling rafters and laths, 3 halling maneure.
12	2 halling railes, 8 beuilding, 2 plows in prelo field.
8	8 plows listing[5] corne land in nobles field.
5	3 malling railes, 1 spining, 1 in shop.
11½	11½ hands making fence round prelo oald field.
——	Sam makeing coffin for Tirahs child, Delia cooking
44	for me, Amy for hand, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 2. Wind South, Rain in the evening and all night, very hard.

2½	2½ Sick, Isham, Mary J, Tirah.
8	6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes round prelo.
14	8 plows listing corn land, 6 beuilding.
5	2 drawing dirt at the well, 3 malling railes.
14½	2 plows in prelo field, 1 spining, 11½ repareing
——	fence.
44	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wednesday 3. Wind North, Fare and Coald.

2	2 Sick, Isham and Tempy.
10	6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes, 2 spining.

[5] See glossary.

10 8 plows listing corn land, 2 plows in prelo field.
11 6 beuilding, 2 at the well, 3 malling railes.
11 11 hands picking up roots in prelo field.
—— Sam making coffin for Tirah, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 4. Wind North, Ice.

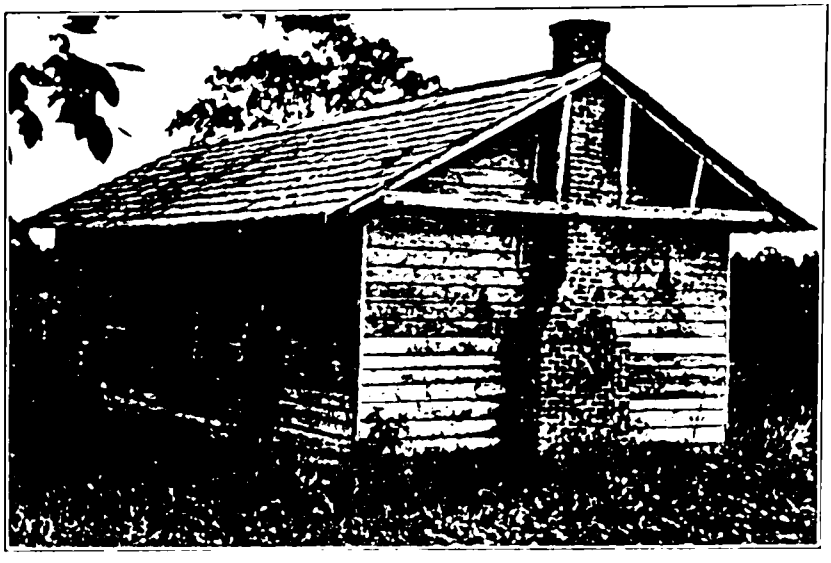
2 2 Sick, Isham, Tempy.
8 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
10 8 plows listing corn land, 2 prelo field.
9 1 spining, 2 at the well, 6 beuilding.
15 3 malling railes, 12 cleaning up prelo field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 5. Wind North East, frost.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Tempy.
8 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
10 8 plows listing corn land, 2 plows in prelo field.
9 1 Spining, 2 at the well, 6 beuilding.
15 3 malling railes, 12 cleaning up prelo field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 6. Wind South, Rain at night.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Tempy.
8 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
10 8 plows listing corn land, 2 in prelo field.
9 1 Spining, 2 at well, 6 beuilding.



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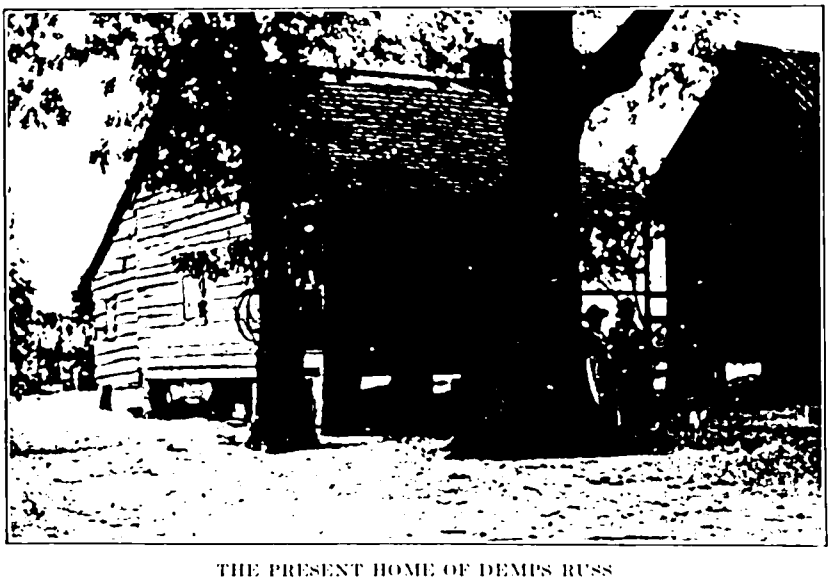

THE PRESENT HOME OF DEMPS RUSS

15 3 malling railes, 12 makeing fence.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. gone to mill.

Sunday 7.

Munday 8. Wind South.

1 1 Sick, Isham.
16 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes, 8 plows listing corn land in nobles.
4 2 in prelo field, 2 at well.
23 6 beuilding, 3 malling railes, 14 makeing fence.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 9. Wind South, Foggy in morning, hard rain at night, and hail.

1 1 Sick, Isham.
8 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
10 8 plows listing corn land in nobles, 2 in prelo field.
8 2 at the well, 6 beuilding, 3 malling railes.
17 17 hand repareing fence round lots and nobles field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wednesday 10. Wind South in morning and North in evening.

1 Sick, Isham.
16 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes, 8 plows listing corn land in woods paster.

2 2 in prelo field.
11 2 at well, 6 beuilding, 3 malling railes.
15 15 hands repareing fence at greens newgrown [i. e.,
—— newground].
44 Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 11. Wind North.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Abram.
7 4 halling maneure, 2 halling railes, 1 gon to mill.
8 8 listing cornland in woods paster.
10 2 in prelo field, 2 at well, 6 beuilding.
17 3 malling railes, 14 repareing fence and planting
—— cane.
44 Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 12. Wind North, Frost and Ice.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Abram.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling can[e] to plant.
5 1 gon to mill after plank, 4 listing corn land.
10 2 in prelo field, 2 at well, 6 beuilding.
21 2 malling [rails], 19 hand planting cane at greens.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs..

Satturday 13. Wind North, Frost.

2 2 Sick, Isham, Abram.
10 6 halling maneure, 4 halling cane.
6 4 listing corn land in greens, 2 in prelo field.

8 2 malling railes, 2 at well, 4 plows covering shugar cane.
18 12 planting cane and makeing fence, 6 beuilding
—— houses.
44 Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 14. Frost.

Munday 15. Wind South East.

2 2 Sick—Isham, Abram.
10 8 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
8 8 plows listing corn land in greens.
5 2 in prelo field, 3 malling railes.
19 8 beuilding, 11 cleaning up land in Redoak.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 16. Wind South East, Foggy.

10 8 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
8 6 plows listing corn land at greens, 2 in prelo field.
4 2 malling railes, 2 laying off cotton land in Redoak.
22 8 beuilding, 14 repareing fence round greens field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 17. Wind South.

2 2 Sick, B. Lucy, 1 nersing sick children.
8 6 plows listing corn land at greens, 2 in prelo field.
2 2 laying off cotton land in Redoak field.

12 2 malling railes, 8 beuilding, 2 halling railes.
6 2 halling maneure, 4 halling poles.
14 14 repareing fence round Rosehill.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hand,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 18. Wind South, Lite Rain.

2 2 Sick, B. Lucy, 1, Di, nersing sick children.
3 1, Ephraim, gon to St. Marks, 2 halling poles.
4 2 halling railes, 2 halling maneure.
14 8 beuilding, 6 plows listing corn land [in] greens [field].
4 2 in prelo field, 2 laying off cotton land [in] Redoak.
17 17 hands repareing fence on new lane fence.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus Spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 19. Wind South East, Foggy.

1 1 Sick, B. Lucy.
2 1 Ephraim gon to St. Marks, 1 gone to mill.
4 2 halling railes, 2 halling maneure.
14 8 beuilding, 6 plows crossing off[6] corn land.
4 2 in prelo field, 2 laying off cotton land.
19 19 hands repareing fens round Redoak.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 20. Wind South East.

1½ 1½ Sick — Daniel, 1, Di, nersing sick child.

[6] See glossary.

2 1 Ephraim gon to St. Marks, 1 gon to mill.
4½ 2 halling railes, 2½ halling maneure.
14 8 beuilding, 6 plows crossing off corn land.
4 2 in prelo field, 2 laying [off] cotton land in Redoak field.
18 18 hands working on rodes in plantation.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 21.

Munday 22. Wind North west.

½ ½ sick, Daniel.
14 6 halling maneure, 8 at beuilding.
8 8 plows crossing off corn land in woods paster.
4 2 laying off cotton land [in] redoak, 2 in prelo field.
7 2 malling railes, 5 spreading maneure in readoak.
10½ 10½ hands repareing roads in plantation.
—— Sam makeing coffin and diging grave part of day.
44 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 23. Wind North, Coald, Frost in morning.

1½ 1½ Sick — Daniel, Jimey.
8 6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
12 8 at beuilding, 4 plows laying off cotton land.
12 10 plows listing cotton land, 2 in prelo field.
10½ 1 malling railes, 9½ hands spreading maneure.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 24. Wind East.

1½	1½ Sick — Daniel, Jimey.
8	6 halling maneure, 2 halling rafters.
20	8 beuilding, 12 plows listing cotton land.
3	2 in prelo field, 1 malling railes.
11½	11½ hands repareing finc [i. e., fence].
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 25. Wind South, Clowdy.

1½	1½ Sick — Daniel, Jimey.
8	6 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
20	8 building, 12 plows listing cotton land in Redoak.
3	2 plows in prelo field, 1 malling railes.
5½	5½ picking up roots in prelo field.
6	6 hands planting corn in greens hous field.
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 26. Wind South, Rain nearly all day.

1½	1½ Sick — Daniel, Jimey.
42½	42½ hands doeing very little on acount of Rain.
——	Sam the same. Delia cooking for me. Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. gon to town.

Satturday 27. Wind South, Rain.

2½	2½ Sick — Daniel, Jimey, Nancy, Florah.
6	4 hands halling maneure, 2 halling poles.
20	8 beuilding, 12 plows listing cotton land in Redoak.
3	2 in prelo oald field, 1 malling railes.

6 6 hands planting corn in greens field.
6½ 6½ hands spreading maneure in Redoak field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 28. Fare.

March, 1847.

Munday 1. Wind North, Frost.

½ ½ Sick — Daniel.
7 4 halling maneure, 3 halling poles.
15 7 beuilding, 8 plows listing cotton land [in] oats patch.
7 7 plows crossing off corn land in nobles field.
8½ 2 malling railes, 6½ spreading maneure.
6 6 hands repareing fence round nobles field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 2. Wind East, Lite Frost in the morning.

½ ½ Sick — Daniel.
7 4 halling maneure, 3 halling poles.
15 7 beuilding, 8 plows listing cotton land.
8 8 plows crossing off corn land in nobles field.
8½ 2 malling railes, 6½ spreading manure [in] oats patch.
5 5 repareing fence round nobles field.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 3. Wind South, Rain half the day.

1½	1½ Sick, Daniel, L. Philis.
7	4 halling maneure, 3 halling poles.
8	2 halling railes, 6 beuilding.
10	10 plows listing cotton land in oats patch.
8	8 plows listing corn land in nobles, half the day.
9½	9½ planting corn in nobles.
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 4. Wind South, Rain all day.

1½	1½ Sick, Daniel, L. Phillis.
22½[7]	10 hands spining, 22½ hands shelling corn, thrashing peeas [i. e., peas].
——	Sam shelling corn, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 5. Wind East, Cool and Clowdy.

1½	1½ Sick, Daniel, Phillis.
6	4 halling poles, 2 halling rails.
16	6 beuilding, 10 plows listing cotton land.
8	8 plows listing corn land in nobles.
12½	12½ hands spreading maneure in brick-yd [field].
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 6. Wind South East, Fared off.

1½	1½ Sick, Daniel L. Phillis.
6	4 halling poles, 2 halling railes.

[7] Apparently an error for 32 1/2.

11 1 gon to mill, 10 plows listing for cotton.
8 8 plows crossing off corn land in nobles.
17½ 6 beuilding, 11½ hands spreading maneure.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 7.

Munday 8. Wind South. Thundering, Lite Sprinkleing Rain.

1 1 Sick — B. Lucy.
4 2 halling maneure, 2 halling railes.
10 2 grinding meeal, 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
14 14 plows listing cotton land in brick yard.
2 2 in Rosehill.
13 5 spreading maneure, 8 planting corn nobles.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 9. Wind South, Clowdy, misty.

1 1 Sick, B. Lucy.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling clay.
8 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
14 14 plows listing corn land in hous field.
2 2 laying off cotton land in Rosehill.
12 6 spreading maneure, 6 planting corn nobles.
1 1 gettng seede corn.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wednesday 10. Wind South, Foggy.

1 1 Sick — B. Lucy.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling clay and railes.
8 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
14 14 plows listing cotton land in hous field.
2 2 laying off cotton land in Rosehill.
13 7 spreading maneure, 6 planting corn nobles.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 11. Wind South, Foggy.

2 2 Sick — B. Lucy, Tamer.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling clay and railes.
8 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
14 14 plows listing cotton land in hous field.
[2] 2 laying for cotton Rosehill.
[13] 7 spreading maneure, 6 planting.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
45 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 12. Wind South, Rain in evening.

2 2 Sick — Lucy, Tamer.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling clay and railes.
8 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
16 14 plows listing cotton land in Rosehill, 2 laying off [cotton land].
12 6 spreading maneure, 6 planting corn woods paster.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday, 13. Wind North West, cool.

1 1 Sick — Tamer.
5 4 halling railes, 1 gon to mill.
8 6 beuilding, 2 laying off corn land in prelo field.
14 14 plows listing cotton land in Rosehill.
14 2 laying off, 6 spreading maneure, 6 planting corn.
2 2 geting boards.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 14. Fare.

Munday 15. Wind North, Coald.

6 4 halling maneure, 2 grinding on hors[e] mill.
24 6 beuilding, 18 plows listing cotton land Ros[e]hill.
12 6 spreading maneure in Roshill, 6 planting corn in woods paster.
2 2 geting seede corn.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 16. Wind North, Frost.

1½ 1½ Sick — Winey, Daniel.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling crib logs.
24 6 beuilding, 18 plows beding[8] [bedding] cotton land in greens.
7 1 geting seed corn, 6 planting corn in prelo field.
5½ 5½ spreading maneure.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

[8] See glossary.

Wedensday 17. Wind South East, Cool morning.

2½ 2½ Sick — Winey, Daniel, Phillis McQ[ueen]
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling hous logs.
25 6 beuilding, 2 malling railes, 17 plows beding for cotton.
9 1 geting seede corn, 8 planting corn in prelo field.
1½ 1½ cleaning up at new quarter.[9]
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 18. Wind South.

1½ 1½ Sick — Daniel, Phillis McQuean.
5 2 halling maneure, 1 gon to mill, 2 halling logs.
25 6 beuilding, 2 malling railes, 17 plows beding cotton land Redoak.
9 1 geting seede corn, 8 planting corn in prelo field.
3½ 3½ replanting corn at greens plac[e].
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 19. Wind South.

1½ 1½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy.
6 4 halling maneure, 2 halling logs for quarters.
25 6 beuilding, 2 malling railes, 17 plows beding cotton land in Redoak.
9 1 geting seede corn, 8 planting corn in prelo field.
2½ 2½ replanting corn at greens place.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus sick, Ben J. mind hogs.

[9] See glossary.

Satturday 20. Wind South, Looks like Rain.

1½ 1½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy.
6 4 halling leaves in lot, 2 halling railes.
25 6 beuilding, 2 malling railes, 17 plows beding for cotton in Redoak.
11½ 11½ hands replanting corn at greens place.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus sick, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 21. Rain befor day.

Munday 22. Wind South West.

2½ 2½ Sick, Daniel, Tempy, Winey.
5 2 halling leaves, 1 gon to mill, 2 halling clay.
17 17 plows beding cotton land in hous field.
12½ 2 malling railes, 10½ hands replanting corn, nobles.
7 7 hands beuilding at new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus sick, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 23. Wind South West, Rain half the day in the evening.

3½ 3½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy, Winey, Nancy I.
6 2 halling leaves, 4 halling railes at new quarters.
20 18 plows beding cotton in hous field, 2 malling railes.
14½ 7 beuilding, 7½ hands makeing fence at new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 24. Wind North West, Fare.

3½ 3½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy, Winey, Nancy Isham.
10½ 2 halling potatoes seede to plant, 8½ planting potatoes.
20 2 halling poles and clay at quarter, 18 plows beding cotton land in hous field.
10 8 beuilding, 2 malling railes at new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 25. Wind South East, Rain at night.

3½ 3½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy, Winey, Nancy Isham.
4 2 halling cotton seede to plant, 2 halling railes.
17 2 halling leaves in lot, 15 planting cotton in oald oats patch.
8 8 plows beding cotton land.
11½ 8 beuilding, 3½ planting potatoes.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 26. Wind North West, Coald.

3½ 3½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy, Winey, Nancy Isham.
4 2 halling cotton seede to plant, 2 halling railes.
17 2 halling leaves in lot, 15 planting cotton [in] red-oak.
11½ 8 plows beding cotton land in Rosehill, 3½ planting potatoes.
8 8 beuilding, Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me,
—— Amy for hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.
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Satturday 27. Wind North, Coald, Windy, Black Frost.

3½	3½ Sick — Daniel, Tempy, Nancy I, B. Lucy.
4	2 halling cotton seede to plant, 2 halling railes.
17	2 halling leaves in lot, 15 planting cotton in Redoak.
11½	8 plows beding cotton land in rosehill, 3½ replanting corn in nobles field.
8	8 beuilding.
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 28. Lite Frost.

Munday 29. Wind South East.

2	2 Sick — B. Lucy, Robbert.
4	2 halling cotton seede to plant, 2 halling railes and clay.
19	2 halling leaves in lot, 17 planting cotton in Redoak.
9	7 plows beding cotton land in rosehill, 2 replanting corne.
10	8 beuilding, 2 malling railes.
——	Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44	hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 30. Wind South West.

2	2 Sick — B. Lucy, Robert.
4	2 halling cotton seede, 2 halling railes and clay.
19	2 halling leaves in lot, 17 planting cotton in Redoak.

9 7 plows beding cotton land in rosehill, 2 replanting corn.
10 8 beuilding, 2 malling railes.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 31. Wind South West.

3 3 Sick, B. Lucy, Primus, Robert.
4 2 halling seed to plant, 2 halling railes and clay.
19 2 grinding meeal, 17 planting cotton in hous field.
8 7 plows beding cotton land in rosehill, 1 replanting corn.
1 1, Ephraim gon on beuisness for me near [illegible].
9 8 beuilding, 1 malling railes.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

April, 1847.

Thursday 1. Wind South West.

2 2 sick — Primus, Robert.
4 2 halling seede, 2 railes and clay at quarter.
19 2 spining, 17 planting cotton in hous field.
6 6 plows beding cotton land in rosehill.
5 3 replanting corn in nobles, 2 malling railes.
8 8 beuilding.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 2. Wind South West.

1 1 Sick, Primus.
4 2 halling cotton seed, 2 halling palings and clay.
27 2 spining, 25 planting cotton in hous field.
4 2 replanting corn, 2 malling railes.
8 8 beuilding.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking [for me], Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 3. Wind South West.

4 2 halling cotton seede, 2 halling paling and clay.
27 2 spining, 25 planting cotton in hous field.
4 2 replanting corn, 2 malling railes.
9 2 grinding meeal, 7 beuilding new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus spining, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 4.

Munday 5. Wind South West, Looks like rain.

4 2 halling cotton seede to plant, 2 halling flooring.
26 1 Spining, 25 planting cotton in Rosehill.
6 2 replanting corn, 2 malling railes, 2 halling leaves.
8 8 beuilding new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands,
44 Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 6. Wind South West.

1 1 Sick — Winey.
6 2 halling cotton seed to plant, 4 moveing floors.

27 25 planting cotton in Rosehill, 2 replanting corn.
10 2 malling railes, 8 beuilding at new quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Venus confined, Delia cooking for
44 me, Amy for hands, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 7. Wind South West.

1 1 Sick — Winey.
16 6 moveing the negroes, 10 planting mastodon[10] cotton in nobles field.
10 10 plowing corn at greens.
7 2 malling railes, 5 spreading maneure at greens.
10 10 hands at quarter.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 8. Wind South, Foggy.

2 2 Sick — Winey, Tempy confined.
6 6 moveing and halling plank for houses.
10 10 planting petagulfe[11] cotton and howing cane.
7 2 malling railes, 5 spreading maneure at greens.
19 10 plowing corn at greens place.
9 9 beuilding.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia sick, Mary H[abersham]
44 cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 9. Wind South, Lite Rain in evening.

2 2 Sick — Winey, Tempy confined.
6 6 moveing out things for negroes.

[10] See glossary.
[11] See glossary.

10 10 finished howing shugar can and went in corn.
5 5 spreading maneure in woods paster.
2 2 cleaning up hors lot and makeing fence.
10 10 finished plowing corn at greens at twelve.
9 9 beuilding.
—— Sam beuilding, Delia sick, Venus confined, Amy
44 cooking for hands, Ben mind hogs.

Satturday 10. Wind North West.

2 2 Sick — Winey, Tempy confind.
6 6 halling plank and things for negroes.
5 5 spreading maneure in woods paster.
16 2 pailing[12] in my yard, 14 plowing corn in woods paster.
15 15 hands howing corn in at greens place.
—— Sam at beuilding, Delia sick, Mary H. cooking for
44 me, Amy for hands, Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 11. Rain in evening and at night.

Munday 12. Wind South West, fared off in evening.

2 2 Sick — Tempy confined, Winey staying with her.
6 4 halling Sam Sailes hous, 2 pailing in yard.
5 5 spreading maneure in nobles field.
18 18 plowing corn in nobles field.
13 13 hands howing corn in greens field.
—— Sam makeing gait. Delia sick, Mary H. cooking for
44 me, Amy for hands, Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

[12] See glossary.

Tuesday 13. Wind South West.

2 2 Sick — Tempy confined, Winey stayiny with her.
3 1 gon to mill, 2 halling wood and plank.
3 1 hunting cattle, 2 at Mr. J. yard repareing [illegible].
20 17 plowing corn in nobles, 3 spreading maneure.
16 16 hands howing corn in woods pastor, 1 Mariah, runaway.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confined, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 14. Wind South West.

2 2 Sick — Tempy confind, Winey staying with her.
3 3 halling paling and leaves in lot.
22 1, Robert, at new quarter, 21 plowing corn in nobles.
16 16 hands howing corn in woods paster.
1 1, Mariah, at Mr. Jones hous.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 15. Wind South West, Rain in the evening and at night.

3 3 Sick — Phillis McQuean, Tempy confind, 1, Winey, staying with her.
4 3 halling leaves in lot, 1 Mariah, at Mr. Jones hous.
21 1, Robert, at new quarter, 20 plowing corn in nobles.
16 16 hands howing corn in nobles field.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 16. Cool morning, Wind North and North East.

3 3 Sick — Phillis McQuean, Di, Tempy confind.
3 1 Winey, spining, 1 gon to mill, 1 Robert, dooing job work.
22 1, Jimy, at Tallahassee for Mr. Jones, 21 plowing corn for nobles.
16 16 hands howing corn in nobles field.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 17. Wind North.

2 2 Sick — Phillis McQuean, Tempy confind.
2 1, Winey, spining, 1 at new quarter.
21 21 plowing corn in nobles field.
19 1 halling leaves, 18 hands howing corn.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 18.

Munday 19. Wind North East.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Tempy confind.
2 1 gon to mill, 1 halling leaves.
3 1, Robert, makeing gates, 2 geting shingls.
11 1, Winey in garden, 10 plowing corn in new grown.
12 12 plows finished corn in nobles field.
14 14 hands howing corn in nobles field.
—— Sam making gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 20. Wind North East.

4 4 Sick — Isham, Phillis McQuean, Tamer, Tempy confind.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous.
12 2 geting shingles, 10 plowing corn in new grown.
12 12 plowing cotton in hors lot cut.
14 14 hands howing corn in nobles field.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous. Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 21. Wind North East, Rain in evening.

4 4 Sick — Isham, Phillis McQuean, Tamer, Tempy confind.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous.
11 1, Winey choping in garden, 10 plowing corn in new grown.
14 2 geting shingles, 12 plowing cotton in redoak field.
13 13 howing corn in new grown.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 22. Wind South, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Tamer, Tempy confind.
4 1 halling leaves, 3 geting shingles.
2 1 Winey choping in garden, 1, Phillis choping cotton.
22 9 plows sideing cotton, 13 plowing out middles[13] in brickyard [field].

[13] See glossary.

13 13 hands howing corn in new grown.
—— Sam geting shingles, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 23. Wind North East.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Winey, Tempy confind.
3 1 halling leaves, 2 geting shingles.
2 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous, 1, Phillis, choping cotton.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in oats patch.
27 13 plows in brickyard, 14 howing corn [in] new grown.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 24. Wind North East.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Tempy confind.
3 1 halling leaves in lot, 2 geting shingles.
3 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous, 2 choping cotton.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in hors lot cut.
13 13 plowing out middles in hous field.
14 14 hands howing corn in new grown.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 25.

Munday 26. Wind North East.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Tempy confind.
3 1 gon to mill, 2 geting shingles.

10 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous, 9 plows sideing cotton.
13 13 plowing out middles in Rosehill.
16 16 hands howing cotton in oats patch.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus confind, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 27. Wind South East.

4 4 Sick — Isham, B. Lucy, Nancy F[lora] Simond.
2 Tempy confind, 1 halling leaves in lot.
9 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous, 8 sideing cotton.
13 13 plowing middles in Rosehill.
16 16 hands howing cotton in oats patch.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. sheearing sheeap.

Wedensday 28. Wind South.

4 4 Sick — Isham, B. Lucy, Nancy F, Simond.
2 Tempy confind, 1 halling leaves.
1 1, Robert, at quarter, making gates.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in brickyard cut.
12 12 plowing out middles in Rosehill.
16 16 hands howing cotton in oats patch.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. shearing sheeap.

Thursday 29. Wind South.

6 6 Sick — Isham, Nancy F, Simond, Sally, Melia, Phillis McQuean.
2 1 gon to mill, 1, Robert, beuilding sick hous.

10 1, winey, sewing for negroes, 9 sideing cotton [in] hous field.
11 11 plowing cotton at greens in evening.
15 15 hands howing cotton in hors lot cut.
—— Sam beuilding sick hous, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. shearing sheeap.

Friday 30. Wind South West, Rain in the evening.
5 5 Sick — Isham, Nancy F., Sally, Melia, Tempy confind.
2 1 gon to mill, 1, Robert, working on sick hous.
10 1, winey, sewing for negroes, 9 sideing cotton [in] hous field.
11 11 plowing shugar cane and potatoes.
16 16 hands howing cotton [in] hors lot cut.
—— Sam at sick hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. shearing sheeap.
About three oclock all hands was called to put out fire at the corn crib caused by lightning.

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Satturday 1. Wind South West, Rain in the evening, hail.
5 5 Sick — Isham, Nancy F, Sally, Melia, Tempy confind.
2 2 working on sick hous.
1 1, winey, sewing negroes clothes.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in hous field.
11 11 finished plowing can and went to howing potatoes.

16 16 hands howing cotton in redoak field.
—— Sam at sick hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. shearing sheeap.

Sunday 2. Rain.

Munday 3. Wind North East, Rainie all day.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Tempy confind.
2 Winey sewing for negroes, 1 in shop.
40 40 hands dooing nothing outdoors, but fixing thare houses.
—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus sew-
44 ing for negroes, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 4. Wind North East, Rain nearly all day, Lite mist, sometimes hard.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Sally.
2 Tempy spining, winey sewing for negroes.
4 3 at sick hous, 1 gon to mill.
36 36 hands howing potatoes and cane after the Rain.
—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus sewing
44 for negroes, Ben J. mind hogs, Sam at sick hous.

Wedensday 5. Wind North East, fared off cool.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Simond, Tempy sewing.
2 1, winey, sewing, 1, Robert, at sick hous.
10 1 halling leaves, 9 plows sideing cotton [in] hous field.

13 13 plowing corn at greens second time.
16 16 hands howing cotton in Redoak field.
—— Sam at sick house, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands. Venus sewing for negroes, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 6. Wind North East, cool.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Simond, Tempy sewing.
2 1 winey sewing for negroes, 1, Robert, at sick hous.
10 1 halling leaves in lot, 9 plows sideing cotton in hous field.
13 13 plowing corn [in] greens [field] second time.
16 16 hands howing cotton in Redoak field.
—— Sam beuilding sick hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus sewing, Ben J. mind hogs, hawood and Daniel minding cows and sheeap.

Friday 7. Wind South.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Mary John, Tempy sewing.
2 1, winey, sewing for negroes, 1, Robert, beuilding sick hous.
10 1 halling leaves in lot, 9 plows sideing cotton in rosehill.
12 12 plowing corn in greens field second time.
17 17 hands howing cotton in Redoak field.
—— Sam beuilding sick hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus sewing for negroes, Daniel [and] hawood mind cows and sheeap. Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 8. Wind South, Rain, Lite Showers.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Mary J., Sam Jones.
2 Simond working on garden, 1, winey, sewing.

1 1, Robert, beuilding sick hous.
10 1 halling leaves in lot, 9 plows sideing cotton, Rosehill.
12 12 plowing corn in woods paster second time.
16 16 hands howing cotton, Redoak field.
—— Sam beuilding sick hous. Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus sewing, Daniel and haywood minding cows and sheeap, Ben J. gon to Tallahassee to carry a letter to the offis, sent to Mr. Jones.

Sunday 9.

Munday 10. Wind North East, Cool morning.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Ephraim, Simond, Albert.
3 2 sewing for negroes, 1, Robert, at Mr. Jones hous.
20 9 plows sideing cotton in rosehill, 11 plowing corn in woods pastor second time.
1 1 halling leaves.
17 17 hands howing cotton in Redoak field.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous. Venus sewing, Delia cook-
44 ing for me, Amy for hands, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheeap. Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 11. Wind North East, cool morning.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Ephraim.
2 1, winey, sewing for negroes, 1, R, at Mr. Jones hous.
10 1 gon to mill, 9 plows sideing cotton in hous field.
12 12 plowing corn in woods paster.

18 18 hands howing cotton in Redoak field.
—— Sam at Mr. Jones hous. Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus sewing, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheeap. Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 12. Wind South, Rain in the Evening.

3 3 Sick — Isham, Chesly, Simond, L. Abram.
2 1, Winey, sewing, 1, Robert, beuilding sick hous.
10 1 halling leaves, 9 plows finished sideing cotton.
12 12 plowing corn in nobles field second time.
17 17 hands howing cotton in brickyard.
—— Sam beuilding sick hous, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus sewing, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheeap, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 13. Wind North West.

4 4 Sick — Isham, Chesly, Simond, L. Abram, Nancy Bevily.
2 1, winey, sewing, 1, Robert, repareing plow stock.
22 1 halling leaves, 21 plowing corn in nobles second time.
16 16 hands howing cotton in Brickyard.
—— Sam repareing plowstock, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus sewing, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 14. Wind North West.

3½ 3½ Sick — Isham, Chesly, Simond, Nancy Bevily.
2 1, winey, sewing, 1, Robert, repareing plowstocks.

22 1 gon to mill, 21 plowing corn in nobles field second time.
16½ 16½ hands howing cotton in Brickyard.
—— Sam makeing plowstocks, Delia cooking for me,
44 Amy for hands, Venus helping Jane, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 15. Wind North East.

2½ 2½ Sick — Isham, Chesly, Simond.
2 1, winey, spining, 1, Robert, stocking plows.
22 1 halling leaves, 21 plowing corn in nobles second time.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam stocking plows, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus at loom with Jane, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 16.

Munday 17. Wind chaingible, Lite Rain in morning and at night.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Chesly.
2 1, winy, spining, 1, Robert, stocking plows.
22 1 gon to mill, 21 plowing mastodon cotton.
18 18 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam stocking plows, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 18. Wind North.

2 2 Sick — Isham, Chesly.
2 1, winey, spining, 1, Robert, stocking plows.

9 1 halling leaves, 8 plows sideing cotton in oats patch cut second time.
13 13 plowing cotton in rosehill.
18 18 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam stocking plows, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 19. Wind North, Cool.

2½ 2½ Sick — Chesly, Phillis McQ., Mariah.
2 1, winey, spining, 1, Robert, makeing gate.
9 1 halling leaves, 8 plows sideing cotton in oats patch cut second time.
13 13 plowing corn in new grown second time.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 20. Wind North, cool morning.

2 2 Sick — Phillis McQuean, Mariah.
2 1, winey, spining, 1, Robert, makeing gates.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in redoak field second time.
11 11 plowing corn in new grown second time.
1 1 halling plank from browns new hous.
19 19 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus at Mr. J. hous, helping Jane. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 21. Wind South.

1 1 Sick — Phillis McQuean.
2 1, winy, spining, 1, Robert, makeing gates.
10 1 gon to mill, 9 sideing cotton in redoak field second time.
12 12 plowing corn in new grown second time.
19 19 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam makeing gates. Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 22. Wind South, Rain in the evening.

1 1 Sick — Winey.
2 1, Robert, makeing gates, 1 halling bricks.
9 9 sideing cotton in Redoak field second time.
12 12 plowing corn in new grown second time.
20 20 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam makeing gates, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
44 hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs, and carried a letter to Tallahassee.

Sunday 23.

Munday 24. Wind South West.

1 1 Sick — Mariah.
2 1, Robert, makeing a coffin, 1 halling brick.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in Redoak field second time.
11 11 plowing cane and cotton at greens second time.

20 20 hands howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam makeing coffin, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
43 hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 25. Wind South.

1 1 Sick — Mariah.
2 1 gon to mill, 1, Robert, geting crib logs.
9 9 sideing cotton in brickyard second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in oats patch second time.
21 1 in shop, 20 howing cotton in hous field.
—— Sam geting crib logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy
44 for hands, Venus weaving, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs and halled brick.

Wedensday 26. Wind South, Lite Rain.

2 Sick — 1, Mariah, 1 halling leaves.
1 1, Robert, hewing logs for corn crib.
9 9 sideing cotton in hous field second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in Redoak field second time.
20 20 hands howing cotton rose hill.
—— Sam hewing logs for crib, Delia cooking for me,
43 Amy for hands, Venus weaving, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 27. Wind South, Rain hard all morning.

0 Sick.
2 1, Robert, geting logs for crib, 1 halling leaves.
9 9 sideing cotton in hous field second time.

11 11 plowing cotton in redoak field second time.
21 21 howing cotton in rose hill until the rain, then went
—— ho[e]ing potatoes in greens.
43 Sam geting logs for crib, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus sizeing thread. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 28. Wind South, Rain very hard.

1 1 Sick, B. Lucy.
2 1 gon to mill, 1, Robert, geting crib logs.
9 9 sideing cotton in hous field second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in redoak second time.
20 20 hands howing cotton at greens half day, went
—— back to roschill in evening.
43 Sam geting crib logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus Spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 29. Wind West.

2 1 Sick — B. Lucy, 1 halling leaves.
10 1, Robert geting crib logs, 9 sideing cotton in hous field second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in Redoak second time.
20 20 hands howing cotton in rosehill.
—— Sam geting crib logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy
43 for hands, Venus fixing thread for the loom. Daniel and Hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 30.

Munday 31. Wind North West.

2 1 Sick — L. Phillis, 1 halling leaves.
10 1, Robert, geting logs for crib, 9 sideing cotton in hous field second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in redoak second time.
20 20 hands howing cotton in Rosehill.
—— Sam geting logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy for
43 hands, Venus spooling, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

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Tuesday 1. Wind North West.

1½ 1½ Sick — L. Phillis, Simon.
2 1 gon to mill, 1, Robert geting crib logs.
9 9 plows sideing cotton in hous field second time.
11 11 plowing cotton in redoak second time.
19½ 19½ hands howing cotton in rosehill.
—— Sam geting crib logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy
43 for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 2. Wind South West.

2½ 2½ Sick — L. Phillis, Simond, Aggy.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Robert, geting crib logs.
21 1, Tamer, cooking for hands, 20 plowing cotton in Brickyard second time.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in rosehill.
—— Sam geting crib logs, Delia cooking for me, Amy
43 sick, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 3. Wind South West.

2½ 2½ Sick — L. Phillis, Simond, Aggy.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Robert, geting sills for crib.
21 1, Tamer cooking for hands, 20 plowing cotton in hous field second time.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in Rosehill.
—— Sam geting sills for crib, Amy sick, Venus weaving.
43 Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 4. Wind South West.

2½ 2½ Sick — L. Phillis, Simond, Aggy.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Robert, geting plates.[14]
21 1, Tamer, cooking for hands, 20 plowing cotton in hous field second time.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in nobles and com-
—— menced in oats patch second time.
43 Sam geting plates, Amy sick, Daniel and haywood mind cows and sheep, Venus weaving, Ben J. mind hogs, Delia cooking for me.

Satturday 5. Wind South, Rain.

21 1 halling leaves, 20 plowing cotton in hous field second time.
22 22 hands howing cotton in oats patch second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting rafters. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

[14] See glossary.

Sunday 6. Rain and Wind.

Munday 7. Wind North West.

21 1 gon to mill, 20 plowing cotton in hous field second time.
22 22 hands howing cotton in oats patch second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting rafters for crib.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. gone to Tallahassee to carry a letter. Jane is at the Chimmony [i. e., Chemonie plantation].

Tuesday 8. Wind East, Rain in the evening, time lost with all hands.

21 1 halling leaves, 20 plowing cotton in hous field second time and went in rosehill.
22 22 hands howing cotton in hors lot cut second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting timber for corn crib.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 9. Wind North East.

2 2 Sick, Mariah, Phillis McQuean.
22 1 halling leaves, 21 plowing cotton in rosehill second time.
19 19 hand howing cotton second time in hors lot cut.
—— Sam and Robert geting poast for stable. Delia
43 Cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 10. Wind East in morning and west in even'g. Rain, time lost with all hands. Rain at night.

4 4 Sick — Mariah, Phillis McQuean, B. Lucy, Nancy Florah.
16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn at greens in evening, third time.
5 5 plowing cotton in rosehill second time.
18 18 hands howing cotton second time in Redoak.
—— Sam and Robert geting timber for stables. Delia
43 Cooking for me, Amy for hands, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, Venus spining.

Friday 11, Wind West, Lite Rain in the morning.

2 2 Sick — B. Lucy, Nancy F.
2 1 halling leaves, 1, Phillis McQ., spining.
20 15 plowing corn at greens third time, 5 plowing cotton in Rosehill second time.
19 19 hands howing cotton in redoak second time.
—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining.
43 Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, Sam and Robert geting timber.

Saturday 12. Wind North West.

16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn in nobles field third time.
5 5 plowing cotton and cane at greens third time.

22 22 hands howing cotton in Redoak second time.
—— Robert and Sam moveing oald gate at oald place.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 13.

Munday 14. Wind North West.

½ ½ Sick — Elcy.
16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn in nobles third time.
5 5 plowing cotton in hous field third time.
1 1 sewing peeas in nobles.[15]
20½ 2 thrashing peeas, 18½ howing cotton second time
—— in Redoak.
43 Sam and Robert geting timber, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 15. Wind Chaingible, Rain in the evening.

½ ½ Sick — Elcy.
16 1 gon to mill, 15 plowing corn, nobles.
5 5 plowing cotton in hous field third time.
3 1 sewing peeas in nobles, 2 thrashing peeas.
18½ 18½ howing cotton in Redoak second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting timber for stables.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

[15] The peas were sowed between the rows of growing corn.

Wedensday 16. Wind West.

2½ 2½ Sick — Elcy, Nancy Bevily, Isham.
16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn in nobles third time.
5 5 plowing cotton third time in hous field.
18½ 18½ hands howing cotton in Redoak second time.
1 1 sewing peeas in nobles.
—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus
43 spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs. Sam and bob geting timber.

Thursday 17. Wind West.

3½ 3½ Sick — Elcy, Nancy B., Isham, Sally.
16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn in nobles third time.
5 5 plowing cotton third time in hous field.
1 1 sewing peeas.
17½ 17½ hands howing cotton in Redoak second time.
—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus
43 weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs, Sam and Robert geting timber.

Friday 18. Wind East, Lite Rain in the day and a hard Rain at night.

2½ 2½ Sick — Elcy, Isham, Sally.
16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn in nobles third time.
5 5 plowing cotton in hous field third time.

19½ 1 sewing peeas, 18½ howing cotton in brickyard second time.

—— Sam and Robert geting timber, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus helping Jane at loom. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 19. Wind North East.

16 1 halling leaves, 15 plowing corn and cotton in nobles third time.

5 5 plowing in cotton in hous field third time.

22 22 hands howing in cotton in brickyard second time.

—— Sam and Robert geting rafters for stables. Delia
43 cooking for me, Amy for hands. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Venus spining. Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 20. Rain.

Munday 21. Wind North West.

2 2 Sick — Robert, Tamer, Phillis McQ.

16 1 gon to mill, 15 plowing corn in woods paster third time.

5 5 plowing cotton in hous field third [time].

20 20 howing cotton in Brickyard Second time.

—— Sam geting sills for negro hous, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands. Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 22. Wind East, Rain, time lost with all hands. Rain at night.

4 4 Sick — Tamer, Nancy B., Melia, Phillis McQ. confind.
15 15 plowing corn in woods paster third time.
5 5 plowing cotton in oats patch cut third time.
19 19 hands howing corn in newgrown second time.
—— Sam geting timber, Robert sick. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 23. Wind chaingible. Rain half the Day.

4 4 Sick — Tamer, Nancy B., Melia, Nancy Briand, Phillis confind.
11 1 halling leaves, 9 plowing corn in new grown.
10 10 plowing cotton in oats patch cut third time.
4 4 planting peas in new grown.
14 14 hands howing cotton in Brickyard second time.
—— Sam geting timber, Robert sick, Mary cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Delia sick, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 24. Wind South West, Rain hard. Time lost with all hands.

6 6 Sick — Tamer, Nancy Bevily, Nancy Briand, Melia, Isham, Phillis McQ. confind.
10 1 halling leaves, 9 plowing corn in new grown third time.
10 10 plowing cotton in Redoak third time.

17 3 planting peeas in new grown, 14 hands howing
—— cotton in brickyard Second time.
43 Sam geting timber, Robert sick, Mary cooking for me, Amy for hands, Delia sick. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. gon to town for cuting knife, Venus spining.

Friday 25. Wind South West, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Tamer, Nancy Bev., Melia, Phillis McQueean, confind.
10 1 halling leaves, 9 plowing corn in newgrown.
10 10 plowing cotton in Redoak third time.
20 3 planting peeas in newgrown, 17 hands howing
—— cotton in hous field second time.
43 Sam and Robert makeing cuting box.
Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, Venus spining.

Satturday 26. Wind North East.

3 3 Sick — Tamer, Nancy Bevily, Melia, Phillis McQuean confind.
10 1 halling leaves, 9 plowing cotton at greens half day, and went to roschill third time.
10 10 plowing cotton in Redoak third time.
20 20 hands howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting boards, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, Venus spining.

Sunday 27.

Munday 28. Wind North West.

1 1 Sick — Phillis McQuean confind.
13 1 gon to mill, 12 plowing cotton in Rosehill third time.
8 8 plowing cotton in redoak third time.
21 21 howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting boards, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 29. Wind South West, Rain in the evening, Lite at three o'clock, and very hard at four.

1 1 Sick — Phillis McQuean confind.
13 1 halling leaves, 12 plowing cotton in oats patch forth time.
8 8 plowing cotton in brickyard third time.
21 21 howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting boards. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 30. Wind North West, Rain, Showers.

2 2 Sick — Primus, Phillis McQuean confind.
12 12 plowing cotton in oats patch cut fourth time.
9 9 plowing cotton in Brickyard third time.
20 20 hands howing cotton in hous field Second [time].
—— Sam sick. Robert repareing plow stock. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

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Thursday 1, Wind South West, Rain, Showers all day, some hard.

3½ 3½ Sick — Primus, Sally L., Lucy B., Phillis McQuean confind.
12 12 plowing cotton in hors lot cut fourth time.
8 8 plowing cotton in Rosehill third time.
19½ 19½ hands howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam sick, Robert stocking plows, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spin[in]g. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 2. Wind North West, Rain, Showers.

2½ 2½ Sick — Sally L., Lucy, Phillis McQuean confind.
12 12 plowing cotton in hors lot cut fourth time.
8 8 plowing cotton in Rosehill third time.
20½ 20½ hands howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam and Robert repareing plow stock. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 3. Wind West, Rain.

1 1 — Phillis McQuean confind.
12 1 halling leaves, 11 plowing cotton in redoak fourth time.
8 8 plowing cotton in hous field fourth time.

22 22 hands howing cotton in hous field second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting boards, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs and went to mill.

Sunday 4. Rain half the day, Sometimes hard.

Munday 5. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Nancy, Isham, Mariah, Phillis McQuean confind.
12 1 gon to mill, 11 plowing cotton redoak forth time.
7 7 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
21 21 hands howing cotton in Rosehill second time.
—— Sam and Robert geting boards. Venus spining,
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 6. Wind North East, Rain.

3 3 Sick — Nancy I., Mariah, Phillis McQ confind.
12 1 halling leaves, 11 plowing cotton in Redoak forth time.
7 7 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
21 21 hands howing cotton in Rosehill second time.
—— Sam and Robert hewing rafters, Robert stoped to
43 grind.
Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving, Jane gon to chimmoney. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 7. Wind South West, Rain.

4 4 Sick — Nancy, Isham, Mariah, Phillis McQuean confind. Sam J[ones] Runaway.
11 1 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in Redoak forth time.
6 6 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
22 22 hands howing cotton in rosehill.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 8. Wind South West. Rain very hard, time lost.

3 3 Sick — L. Phillis, Mariah, Phillis McQuean confind.
11 1 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in redoak forth [time].
7 7 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
22 21 hands howing cotton in rosehill second time. 1, Sam Jones, Runaway.
—— Sam and Robert halling rafters, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. gon to town with a letter.

Friday 9. Wind South West, Rain.

2 2 Sick — Sim, Phillis McQuean confind.
12 1 halling leaves, 11 plowing cotton in brickyard forth time.
7 7 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.

1 1, Sam, runaway.
21 21 hands howing cotton in Rosehill second time.
—— Sam and Robert hewing raftors, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 10. Wind South West, Rain. I gave them all holliday in the evening.

2 2 Sick — Sim, Phillis McQuean confind.
11 1 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in brickyard forth time.
7 7 plowing Mastadon cotton forth time.
1 1, Sam, Runaway.
22 22 hands howing cotton in Rosehill second time.
—— Sam and Robert coupling raftars. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 11. Rain hard.

Munday 12. Wind South and South West, Rain in evening.

3 3 Sick — Sim, Sam Sails, Phillis McQuean confind.
1 1 Sam Jones, runaway.
12 1 gon to mill, 11 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
7 7 plowing cotton in rosehill forth time.

21 21 hands howing cotton in rosehill in the morning, and in nobles in evening, second time.

—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Dan'l and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 13. Wind North West, Rain in the evening.

5 5 Sick — Sim, Sam Sails, Phillis McQuean and Mariah confind. Sam Jones runaway.

11 1 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in hous field.

7 7 plowing cotton in rosehill forth time.

20 20 hands howing cotton in nobles field half the day, and then scraped up lot in evening.

—— Sam and Robert halling timber for crib. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Jane came from the other place sick. Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 14. Wind North West.

5 5 Sick — Sim, Sam Sails, Nancy B, Phillis McQuean and Mariah confind.

11 1 gon to mill, 10 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.

6 6 plowing cotton in, and cane, at greens place forth time.

1 1 breaking up lot.

20 20 hands howing corn in newgrown,[16] and cane at greens place.

[16] See glossary.

—— Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus sick.
43 Sam and Robert halling timber, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs. Jane sick.

Thursday 15. Wind North West in morning and East in the evening. Rain Lite.

2 2 Sick — Sam Sails, Phillis McQuean comfind.
2 1, Mariah confind, 1 halling leaves.
10 10 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
7 7 plowing cotton in rosehill forth time.
22 22 hands howing cotton in oats patch cut third time.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus sick. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 16. Wind South, Rain hard in the evening.

2½ 2½ Sick — Sam Sails, B. Lucy, Elcy.
2 2 Phillis McQuean and Mariah, confind.
17 10 plowing cotton in hous field, 7 plowing cotton in rosehill forth time.
21½ 21½ hands howing cotton in oats patch cut third time.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus Sick. Daniel and hawood mind cows and Sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 17. Wind South west, Lite Rain in evening.

2½ 2½ Sick — Sam Sails, L. Elcy, Phillis McQuean
2 and 1, Mariah, confind, 1, halling leaves.

17 10 plowing cotton in hous field, 7 plowing cotton in Rosehill forth time.
21½ 21½ hands howing cotton in oats patch third time.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus Sick. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 18. Hard Rain in evening.

Munday 19. Wind East, Rain.

3½ 3½ Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, Mariah confind. ½, L[ittle] Elcy.
19 1 halling leaves, 18 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
20½ 20½ hands howing cotton in hors lot cut third time.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 20. Wind chaingible, Rain.

3½ 3½ Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, L. Elcy, Mariah confind.
2 1 halling leaves, 1 driveing mules at mill.
14 14 plowing cotton in hous field forth time.
23½ 23½ hands howing cotton in hors lot cut third time.
—— Sam peealing rafters,[17] Robert grinding meeal.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

[17] See glossary.

Wedensday 21. Wind East.

2½ 2½ Sick — Sam Sails, L. Elcy, Barrick.
3 1, Mariah confind, 1 spining, 1 halling leaves.
18 18 plowing cotton in rosehill fifth time.
19½ 19½ hands howing cotton in Redoak third time.
—— Sam and Robert halling timber. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 22. Wind East, Rain Lite.

3 3 Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, Mariah confind.
2 1 Spining, 1, halling leaves.
18 18 plowing cotton in rosehill fifth time.
20 3 puting up corn crib, 17 pulling fodder in greens field.
—— Sam and Robert puting up corn crib.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs and carried a letter to Tallahassee.

Friday 23. Wind East, hard Rain half the day.

3 3 Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, Ann.
3 1, Mariah, confind, 1 spining, 1 halling leaves.
24 6 hands puting up corn crib, 18 plowing cotton in rosehill fifth time after rain.
13 13 hands scrapeing up maneure in hog pen.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding corn crib. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus spooling. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 24. Wind South, Rain Lite.

3 3 Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, Ann.
2 1, Mariah confind, 1 halling leaves.
24 6 puting up corn crib, 18 plowing cotton in nobles field fifth time and cotton at greens place in evening.
14 14 hands pulling fodder in greens field.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding corn crib. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus spooling. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 25. Rain hard.

Munday 26. Wind South West, Lite Rain in the evening.

3 3 Sick — Sam Sails, Barrick, Ann.
2 1, Mariah, confind, 1 gon to mill.
12 2 beuilding corn crib, 10 plowing cotton in oats patch cut fifth time.
26 25 hands pulling foder, 1 makeing baskits.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding crib, Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spooling. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 27. Wind West, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Sam Sail, Barrick, Ann.
2 1, Mariah, confind, 1 halling boards.
15 15 plowing cotton in hors lot cut fifth [time].
23 23 hands saveing foder.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding crib. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus Spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 28. Wind chaingible, Rain all the evening hard.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Ann, Mariah confind.
13 1 gon to mill for plank, 12 plowing cotton in Redoak fifth time.
1 1 makeing baskits.
1 1 chopping in cotton third time [in] brickyard.
25 25 hands saveing fodder in pastor field.
—— Sam at gin hous. Robert beuilding crib. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 29. Wind South East, Rain in the evening and at night very hard.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Ann, Sally.
2 1, Mariah, confind, 1 halling boards.
12 12 plowing cotton in Redoak fifth time.
2 1 makeing baskits, 1 howing cotton third time.
24 1 grinding meeal at hors mill, 23 hands saveing
—— fodder in woods pastor.
43 Sam at gin hous, Robert grinding meeal, Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 30. Wind East, Rain, Showery all day.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Ann, Sally.
2 1, Mariah confind, 1 halling leaves.
2 1 in shop, 1 makeing baskits.

36 1 cooking for hands, 35 hands pulling fodder in
—— nobles field.
43 Sam and Robert at gin hous. Delia cooking for me, Amy Sick, Venus makeing a shirt for Barrick, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 31. Wind South East, Rain, Showery all day and night.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Ann, B. Lucy.
3 Martha, Charles, Mariah confind.
10 10 hands roling logs in quarter yard. [In yard of the slave quarters or barracks.]
3 3 grinding meal on hand mill at Powels. The hors mill is being repard and the water mill broak.
1 1 in shop.
23 23 hands scrapeing up lot.
—— Sam and Robert at gin hous. Delia cooking for me,
43 Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

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Sunday 1. Rain continieud all day very hard.

Munday 2. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Tamer, Mariah confind.
5 4 halling leaves, 1, Ephraim repareing his chimney.

35 1 grinding at hors mill, 34 hands cleaning up cow
—— lot or new hors lot, in the evening all went to pulling
43 fodder.
Sam covering crib, Robert grinding. Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 3. Wind North West.

5 5 Sick — Barrick, Tamer, Di, Melia, Ann.
3 Mary Jon, Mariah confind, 1 halling boards.
35 34 hands saveing fodder, 1 makeing baskits.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding crib. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus helping Jane at loom. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 4. Wind North West, Lite Rain.

5 5 Sick — Barrick, Tamer, Di, Melia, Ann.
3 Mary Jon, Mariah confind, 1 halling boards.
2 1 makeing baskits, 1 sewing Turnips.
33 33 hands saveing fodder in nobles field.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding crib. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus helping Jane at loom. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 5. Wind West, Lite Rain at night.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Ann Abrarm [i. e., Abram].
2 Phillis McQuean, Mary Jon.
3 Mariah confind, 2 halling leaves.

2 1 makeing baskits, 1 grinding half day.
33 33 hands saveing fodder. Sam at crib, Robert
—— grinding meeal half day, Delia cooking for me, Amy
43 for hands, Venus spining, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 6. Wind North West, Lite Shower in evening.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Abram, Phillis McQuean.
5 1, Mary Jon, 1, Mariah confind, 3 halling leaves.
35 34 hands saveing fodder, 1 makeing baskits.
—— Sam and Robert geting flooring for crib. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 7. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Abram, Phillis McQ.
5 1, Mary Jon, Mariah confind, 3 halling leaves.
35 1 makeing baskits, 34 hands saveing fodder.
—— Sam and Robert geting puntion [i. e., puncheons] for
43 crib. Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. gon to town to carry a letter to Galbrith for leather.

Sunday 8.

Munday 9. Wind South, Rain nearly all day, very hard, very little work done.

4 4 Sick — Barrick, Aggy, Mary Jon, Mariah confind.
4 3 halling leaves, 1 makeing baskits.
8 8 plowing cotton in hous field fifth time.

27 27 hands pulling fodder in newgrown.
—— Sam geting punchion, Robert grinding. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Tuesday 10. Wind South East, Rain.

4 4 Sick — Barrick, Aggy, B. Lucy, Mary Jon.
5 1, Mariah, confind; 3 halling leaves, 1 makeing baskits.
9 9 plowing cotton in hous field fifth time.
25 25 hands pulling fodder in newgrown.
—— Sam and Robert geting sills for crib. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 11. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, B. Lucy, Mary Jon.
13 3 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in hous field fifth time.
27 26 hands saveing fodder, 1 makeing baskits.
—— Sam and Robert at gin hous. Delia cooking for me,
43 Amy for hands, Venus weaving, Jane nursing her sick child. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. went to town after Dr. Randolf for Barrick's benefit.

Thursday 12. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, B. Lucy, Mary Jon.
13 1, L. Phillis, 2 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in brickyard fifth time.

27 13 hands on publick Rode, 14 hands picking cotton
—— and tying up fodder.
43 Sam and Robert at gin hous. Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 13. Wind North East.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, B. Lucy, Mary Jon.
11 1, L. Phillis, 2 halling leaves, 8 plowing cotton in brickyard fifth time.
29 15 hands picking cotton, 14 hands on publick Rode.
—— Sam and Robert at gin hous. Delia cooking for me,
43 Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 14. Wind South East.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, B. Lucy, Mary Jon.
13 3 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton in Rosehill six time.
2 2 makeing baskits.
25 25 hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding stable. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 15.

Munday 16. Wind South, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Di, Mary Jon.
12 1 halling leaves, 1 grinding, 10 plowing cotton in roshill.

2 2 makeing baskits.
26 26 hands picking cotton in Redoak.
—— Sam at new stable, Robert grinding meeal, Delia
43 sick, Mary cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, Jane sick.

Tuesday 17. Wind South West, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Di, Mary Jon.
12 2 halling leaves, 10 plowing cotton Roshill.
3 2 makeing baskits, 1 cleaning away for ditch.
25 24 hands picking cotton, 1 with Jane.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding stable, Venus weaving,
43 Delia sick. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. gon to town for Dr. Randolph. Jane sick. Mary H. cooking for me.

Wedensday 18. Wind South West, Rain hard in the evening.

3½ 3½ Sick — Barrick, Di, Mary Jon. ½ Joner,
2½ ½ Catherine, 2 halling leaves.
10 10 plowing cotton in rosehill sixth time.
3 2 makeing baskits, 1 nursing Jane.
24 24 hands picking cotton, time lost by rain.
—— Delia sick, Mary cooking for me, Amy for hands,
43 Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs. Jane sick.

Thursday 19. Wind North West.

4 4 Sick — Barrick, Di, Mary Jon., Nancy Br.,
3 Nancy Florah, 2 halling leaves.

10 10 plows finished the cotton at greens.
3 2 makeing baskets, 1 nursing Jane.
2 1 ditching, 1 at gin hous suning cotton.
21 21 hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding stable. Delia sick, Mary
43 cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 20. Wind South West. Rain in the evening.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Di, Mary Jon.
2 Nancy Briand, Nancy Florah.
4 2 halling leaves, 2 makeing baskits.
2 1 nursing Jane, 1 nursing the sick at quarter.
32 1 at gin hous, 31 hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert beuilding stable. Delia sick, Mary
43 cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 21. Wind South West, Lite Rain.

1 Sick — Barrick gon to the Dr. in town.
3 Mary Jon, Nancy Bryand, Aggy.
5 3 cleaning out well, 2 nursing the sick.
3 1 ditching, 2 halling leaves.
30 1 grinding, 29 hands picking cotton.
1 1 gon to town with Barrick in wagon.
—— Sam reparing wagon, Robert grinding. Delia sick,
43 Mary cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 22.

Munday 23. Wind South.

6½ 6½ Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, Nancy Bryant, Aggy, L. Lucy, B. Lucy, Ann confind.
4 2 makeing baskits, 2 nursing the sick.
5 1 halling leaves, 1 ditching, 3 at gin hous.
27½ 27½ hands picking cotton. Sam and Robert repare-
—— ing wagon. Delia sick, Mary cooking for me, Amy
43 for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. gon to carry a letter to town.

Tuesday 24. Wind South West, hard Rain at night from north East.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, Nancy Briand.
3½ 3½ [sick] Aggy, L. Lucy, B. Lucy, Isham.
6 1, Ann, confind, 3 at gin hous, 2 making baskets.
4 2 nursing the sick, 1 Ditching, 1 halling leaves.
26½ 26½ hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert repareing wagon. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Wedensday 25. Wind South west, Rain very hard in evening. Time lost.

7½ 7½ Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, Nancy Briand, Aggy, L. Lucy, B. Lucy, Isham, Ann confind.
6 3 at gin hous, 1 halling leaves, 2 makeing baskits,
3 1 ditching, 2 nursing sick.

26½ 26½ hands picking cotton until Rain.
—— Sam and Robert repareing wagon. Delia cooking for
43 me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Ben J. mind hogs.

Thursday 26. Wind South West, Lite Rain.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, Nancy B.
3½ 3½ L. Lucy, B. Lucy, Tempy, Ann confind.
5 3 at gin hous, 2 halling timber.
4 2 makeing baskits, 2 nursing the sick.
11 1 Ditching, 10 hands raising the stable.
16½ 16½ hand worked rode in plantation and picked
—— cotton.
43 Sam and Robert at stable. Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus weaving. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Friday 27. Wind North West.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, B. Lucy.
2½ 2½ L. Lucy, Tempy, Ann confind.
6 3 at gin hous, 1 halling leaves, 2 nursing sick.
31½ 1 Ditching, 30½ hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert repareing cart boddy. Delia cook-
43 ing for me, Amy for hands, Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep. Venus weaving, Ben J. mind hogs.

Satturday 28. Wind South West, Rain hard.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, B. Lucy, Ann confind.
7 3 at gin hous, 1 halling leaves, 2 makeing baskits.

33 1 Ditching, 32 hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert repareing cart boddy.
43 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Sunday 29.

Munday 30. Wind South West, Rain in the evening.

3 3 Sick — Barrick, Mary Jon, B. Lucy.
3 1, Ann, confind, 1 grinding, 1 at ginhous.
37 1 nursing sick, 36 hands picking cotton.
—— Sam and Robert repareing wagon. Delia cooking
43 for me, Amy for hands, Venus spining. Daniel and hawood mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.[18]

Tuesday 31st. Wind South West. Fair day.

4 4 Sick — Lucy, Jain, John, Catherine.
1 1 dicthing [i. e., ditching], 1 hauling timber.
4 4 at gin house.
Sam and Robert getting logs for stable. Venus spining. Daniel and Hawood minding cows and sheep. Ben attending to hogs.
1 confined, Ann. Dye nursing her.
33 hands picking cotton.
Barrick in town with wagon to move nolbe [i. e., Noble] off.[19]

[18] At this point the handwriting changes to that of Joshua N. Sanders.
[19] Noble was the preceding overseer.

Kept by Joshua N. Sanders.

September 1st, 1847.

Wednesday. Wind North East, rain in the Evening.

5 Sam, John, Catherine, Flandis Sick, Jimy.
36 35 picking cotton, 1 driving wagon.
5 at the gin.
3 2 working at the stable, 1 make baskets in the quarter.
2 1 Confined, 1 spining.
2 to mind hogs and Cattle.
1 feede horses and pick Cotton.
[2] Tamer tending on Jane at the yard.

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thursday 2nd. rain two thirds of the day, wind and rain from the East.

5 5 in sick house, Flandis, Jim, John, Catherine, norah.
11 9 raising stable, 2 with the waggon.
30 30 mending roads to the old place.
5 4 at the gin, 1 gone to town after Barrak.
5 2 mind hogs and Cows, 1 sping [i. e., spinning]
—— Tamer tend on Jane.
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[20] Whereas Noble had enumerated only the field hands in this column, Sanders numbers the laborers of every sort. This accounts for more than half of the increase from 43 to 56, in the total. The remainder of the increment may have been due to a change in reckoning. Perhaps Sanders raised the fractional ratings of young slaves in the field; and he may have put some children to work whom Noble had left at play.

Friday 3rd, rain and wind from the East.

4	4 in Sick [house], Nanny, nancy, John, Samuel. rained nearly al day hard, done nothing.
4	4 at the gin til Cotton got so damp the [i. e., that] we Could not gin.
12	6 packing cotton, 4 raising house, 2 with . . .
8	4 spining, 1 with sick Childs, 3 at lot.
19	working at manure and sheling Corn.
2	mind stock, Ann with a young Child.
2	1 cooking for hands, Delia cooking for me.
2	1 with Jane at the yard. Die too haevy.
2	2 working at stable.
55[21]	

Saturday 4th. Wind East and South, hard rain in evening.

	none in the Sick baraks.
2	2 working on stable.
5	at gin house picking cotton over, and grinding.
6	6 packing Cotton, finished 13 bales week, Sat. morning.
6	5 covering house, geting boards, 1 halling boards.
3	2 with waggon haling Leaves, 1 with [old?] waggon.
28	6 raking leaves, 19 heaping manure, 3 spin[ni]ng.
4	1 with sick child, Die still Lounging.
——	2 after stock.
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[21] A discrepancy of one hand, apparently because he has not reckoned in Ann.

Sunday 5th. Wind South west.

Delia cooking for me. Amy for hands. Ben minding hogs. Daniel and Haward minding cows and sheep. Dye confined.

Monday the 6. Wind South west.

2 Sick — Pleasant and Phillis.
1 1 nursing sick.
4 4 at gin house.
2 2 at lot to attend to mules.
39 39 picking Cotton.
3 3 working on Stable, Robert, Sam and Dudley.
1 1 hauling leaves.
5 Daniel and Haward minding cows and sheep. Ben
—— minding hogs. Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands.
57

Tuesday 7. Wind East rained 2 very hard Showers in the afternoon.

4 Sick Baracks — James and Icham [i. e., Isham], Pleasant, Filis.
7 4 at the gin, 3 working on new house.
6 1 nursing sick Child, 1 attending Sick and Confined Women, Die Confined, little Philis Sick, Tempy with her, Ben Jackson gone after Dr. for Jane.
6 6 repairing bridge on St. Marks.
1 1 halling poles for said bridge.
29 Ann Confined. 28 picking Cottons.
2 Haywood and Daniel mind the Cows and Sheep.

2 Flandes making Cotton, 1 Spining, Venus, Amy
—— cooking for hands. Dealia for me.
57

Wednsday 8. Wind South East no rain.

3 3, Icham, Catherine, Tamer in Sick Baracks.
Philis Sick, Die Confined, Ann Confined.
4½ B. Philis Suckling Queens Child with her Child,
Tempy with little Fillis. 1 Spining.
3 1 dudly working on new house. 2 repare waggon.
2 2 Pleasant and Pinney in blacksmith Shop.
37½ 34 picking Cotton. 3½ halling leaves.
2 Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and sheep.
2 Ben mind hogs. Flandes making Collers.
3 3 at gin house. Amy Cooking for hands and Delia
—— for me.
57

Thursday. Wind East. 9 of September.

None in Sick Baracks.
7 4 at the gin. 2 halling leaves. Flandes make
1 Chollars. 1 mind mules and pick Cotton.
40 38 pick Cotton. 2 reparing litle waggon.
2 Dudly work on stable, Plesent in shop.
2 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
2 Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and Sheep.
1 Ben J. mind hogs.
3 little Philis laying up. 1 Spining. queen nursing
—— sick Child.
58

Frida 10. Wind North East. Rained late in the evening.

2 2 in Sick Barracks — Mariah.
3 3 at gin house, Cotton too wet to gin.
5 2 work on Cart. 1 at Stable. 2 halling leaves.
3 2 Ann and die Confined. queen nursing her Child.
4 litle filis laying up. 1 Spining. Delia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
38 37 picking Cotton. 1 attending to the muls and picking Cotton.
3 Haywood and Daniel mind Cows and Sheep. Ben
—— J. mind hogs. Flands making Chollars.
58

Saturday. Wind north East no rain.

2 Sick Baracks — 1, Martha, litle Filis laying up.
4 Ann and Die Confined. Venus Spining. queen nurse her Child.
5 2 grinding. 3 attend to Cotton, drying it.
4 2 repare Cart. 1 make Collars. 1 attend to muls and pick Cotton.
4 4 Sent to help Misters Murat raise gin house.
33 2 laying Crib floor. 28 pick Cotton. 3 halling leaves.
3 1 working on Stable. Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and Sheep.
3 Ben J. gone to town for oil. Amy Cooking for
—— hands, Delia Coking for me.
58

Sunday 12th. Wind N. East. Fair day.

Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands. Ben J. minding hogs. Daniel and Haywood minding cows and sheep. None sick.

Monday 13th. Wind North East, fine day and Cool evening.

None in Sick baracks. Ann and Die Confined
5 1 Spining. 2 halling leavs. queen nursing Child. Philis sick.
6 Ephaim and Jim moved mee here.[22] 4 at the gin.
41 37 picked Cotton. 2 repare Cart. 1 work on stable.
2 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
4 Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and sheep.
—— Ben J. mind hogs. Flanders at the lot seeing to
58 muls.

Tuesday 14. Wind South East, fare day.

4 2 in Sick Baracks. Icham and Sally. Ann and Die Confined.
2 2 gone with waggon to St. Marks, 6 bales of Cotton.
4 2 halling leavs. 2 repare wheels and work on gin house.
6 1 work on Stable. 1 make Chollars. 4 at gin.
37 36 pick cotton. 1 attend on mules and pick Cotton.
4 Delia Cooking for me, Amy for hands. 2 mind Cows and sheep.

[22] I. e., hauled the overseer's household goods to the plantation.

3 Ben J. mind hogs. queen nurse her Child, litle
—— Phillis laying up. 1 Spining.
58

Wedns. 15. Wind North East.

5 1 in Sick Barracks, Sally. 4 at the gin.
4 2 with the waggon to St. Marks. 2 halling leavs.
3 2 repare the Cotton room. 1 work on Stable.
3 Ann and die Confined, litle Phillis lounging, queen nurse her Child.
3 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy Cooking for hands. 1 Spining.
37 37 pick Cotton.
3 Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and sheep. Ben
—— J. mind hogs.
58

Wind north East, thursdy 16. light Showers and Cloudy in the evening.

4 None in Sick Baracks. 4 at the gin house.
5 1 Spining, 2 sawing boards. 2 making frame to hal Cotton.
3 Flanders mind mules. 2 gone to hall Cotton St. Marks.
2 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
38 35 picking Cotton. 3 confined, Ann and Di. litle Philis delivered of a girl Child.
2 1 Spining. queen nurse her Child.
3 Dan and Haywood mind Cows and Sheep. Ben J.
—— mind hogs. 2 halling leavs.
58

Fridy 17. Wind North East, Cloudy all day not much rain until late in the evening hard Shour.

5 none in sick Barracks, 5 at the gin.
6 6 pack Cotton, packed 13 bales.
2 started with another load to St. Marks, 6 Bal[e]s.
36 2 work on waggon, 1 attend to the lot, 31 pick Cotton.
5 3 Confined, ann and Di and Philis. 2 spining.
3 2 halling leavs. Daniel and Haywood mind Cows and Sheep.
3 Ben J. mind hogs. Dealia cooking for me, Amy for
—— hands.
58

Saturday 18. Wind East, Cloudy nearly all day; a light Shour in the Evening.

8 Tamer in sick Baricks, 5 at the gin, 2 halling rails.
4 2 hall Cotton to St. Marks; 2 gone to the mill after plank.
3 2 repare waggon boddy, 1 make bridge over ditch.
5 3 Ann, Di and Philis Confined, 2 spining.
3 Dealia Cooking for me, nancy for hands, Flanders atten[d] to lot.
35 Dan and Haywood mind Cows and sheep. Ben J.
—— mind hogs, 32 pick cotton.
58

Sunday the 19th. Wind South East, Cloudy.

one in sick Baracks, Nat. 3 Confined. Dealia Cooking for me, 2 mind Cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

Monday the 20th. Wind.

3 B. lucy and Cato in sick Barracks, 1 grinding meal.
6 4 picking over and drying Cotton, 2 repare waggon boddy.
8 2 halling rails to the gin house, 2 making oak boards for new Stable, 3 women confined, 1 spining.
4 Dealia Cooking for mee, Amy for hands, 2 boys mind Cows and Sheep.
37 Ep[h]raim and George gone with anothur load of
—— Cotton to St. Marks, 35 picking Cotton, Ben J. mind
58 hogs.

Tusday 21. Wind N. E., Cloudy With a little rain.

10 B. Lucy, Tamer and Tom in Sick house, 2 confined, 5 at gin.
42 2 halling rails, 34 picking Cotton, 2 gone to St. Marks with a load of Cotton, 2 making boards, 2 repare gin-house scaffold.
2 Delia cooking for me, Amy for hands.
2 1 spining, 2 boys mind the cows and sheep.
2 Flandis at the lot, Ben J. gone to town.

58

Wednsday 22. Wind east, Cloudy, rain nearly all day, a slow rain, hardly any work done.

5 Tamer, B. Lucy, Nancy Beverly, Polly and Flanders in Sick Barrack.
3 2 halling Cotton to St. Marks. Pleasant ironi[n]g waggon boddy ½ day, then pick Cotton.

4 2 make boards, 2 help about waggon boddy ½ day, then make boards.
5 5 at the gin, 2 confind.
24 pick cotton.
4 Dealia cooking for me, Amy for hands, 1 spining, 2 boys mind Cows and sheep.
13 Ben J. mind hogs, 4 puling corn, 8 halling corn.

58

Thursday 23. Wind S. W., rained 2 or 3 hours slow.

4 Flanders, Nancy B. and Polly and Ben J. in sick Barracks.
9 5 in gin house, 4 brake corn.
10 Ephraim and henry holl Cotton St. Marks; 8 holl in Corn.
2 Robert and Sam make a new horse lot gate.
3 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands, 1 spin.
26 2 boys mind Cows and sheep, 25 picking Cotton.
4 2 make boards, 1 Cutting haye, 2 confind, Flandis about the lot.

58

Friday 24. Wind N. W., fair day, cool night.

8 3, Polly, Sue and Ben J. in sick Baracks, 5 at the gin.
14 4 brake corn, 8 halling in Corn, 2 make boards.
29 2 making gate, 25 picking Cotton, 1 cut hay, Jim go to town.
2 2, Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.

3 2 boys mind cows and sheep, 2 women confind.
2 1 Spin, Ephraim hall a load of cotton
—— Flanders about the lot.
58

Saturday 25. Wind N. and E., fair day.

1½ Sam Sail and Sue in sick Baracks.
11 5 at the gin, 6 packing Cotton, packed 14 bales.
10½ 3 hands brake corn, 7½ halling corn.
26 24 picking cotton, Dealia cooking for me, Amy for hands.
5 Ephraim got back from St. Marks, 2 make gate, 1 cuting hay, ½ hand Cut rice, ½ mind field.[23]
4 1 Spin, 2 boys mind Cows and sheep, Ben J. mind
—— hogs.
58

Sunday 26. Wind N. E.

Sam Sails in Sick Barracks. Dealia cooking for me. Ben J. mind hogs. Daniel and Haywood mind cows and sheep.

Monday 27. Wind N.

3 Sam Sail, Nancy B. and Abram in Sick house.
5 3 grinding, 2 drying and picking over the Cotton in gin hous.
11 2 saving hay,[24] 3 braking corn, 6 halling corn.
3 2 making loom, 1 spliting rails.
4 2 Cooking, 1 Spin, litle Philis confind.

[23] To prevent birds from damaging the rice crop.
[24] "Making" hay.

30 2 boys mind cows and sheep, 29 pick Cotton.
2 Venus at the Cloath [i. e., loom], Ben J. mind hogs.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Tuesday 28. Wind North, turned Cool during the night, fair weather.

5 Sam Sails, Nancy Is[h]am, Abram and Judy and B. Lucy in Sick Baracks.
9 2 brake Corn, 7 halling in Corn.
6 2 makeing a loom, 2 save hay, 2 make boards.
29 5 at the gin, 24 pick cotton.
5 Delia cook for me, Amy for hands, 1 confind, 1 spin, 1 at the loom.
4 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs, 1
—— split rails.
58

Wednsday 29. Wind N.

10 B. Lucy, Nancy I. and Primus and Ely and Abraham in sick baracks, 5 at the gin.
6 2 make boards, 1 split rails, 3 brake corn.
10 8 hall in corn, 1 spin, 1 Confind.
2 Dealia cooking for mee, Amy for hands.
25 2 repare Cart wheel, 23 pick Cotton.
3 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.
2 Ephraim hall Cotton, 1 cut hay. Flanders at the lot.
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58

Thursday 30. Wind North.

6 Rachel in sick barrack, 5 at the gin.
7 3 make boards, 1 split rails, 3 brake Corn.
10 8 halling Corn, 1 spin, 1 confind.
2 Dealia cooking for me, Amy for hands.
28 2 work on loom, 26 pick Cotton.
2 2 boys mind Cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.
3 Ephraim hall Cotton, 1 cut hay, Flanders at
—— H[orse lot] cut.
58

1st of October, the 10 month, 1847.

Friday 1st. Wind North, fair weather, cool night.

7 Nancy and Rachel in Sick house, 5 at the gin.
16 3 make boards, 11 geathering Corn, 2 hall rails.
28 2 making loom, 25 picking Cotton, 1 halling Cotton.
3 1 Cut hay, Dealia cooking for me, Amy for hands.
4 1 spin, 1 Confind. 3 mind stock, Flanders at the
—— lot.
58

Saturday 2nd. Wind East and South, Cloudy in the evening.

7 Charles and Rachel in sick Barracks, 5 at gin.
6 2 working on stable, 2 save hay, 2 hall hay.
32 6 geathering corn, 26 picking Cotton.
2 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
3 1 spin, 1 Confind, 1 weave, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.

8 Ben J. mind hogs, 5 pack Cotton, 1 hall cotton.
—— Flanders at the lot, packed 10 bales, making in all
58 50.

Sunday 3. Wind N. and E. fair day and quite windy.

Jon's daughter May quite sick. Delia cooking for me. 2 boys mind Cows and Ben J. mind hogs.

Monday 4. Wind N.

3 Charles and May Jon and Di in Sick house.
43 5 at the gin, 9 geather corn, 27 pick Cotton, 2 at the hay.
3 1 hall cotton bales, 2 work on stable.
2 Dealia Cooking for me, Amy for hands.
4 3 make boards, 2 boys mind stock.
3 Venus weave, 1 confined, Ben J. mind hogs.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Tuesday 5. Wind N.

9 George and Di, May Jon, Mariah [sick], 5 at the gin.
12 2 work on stable, 2 hall rails, 8 geather corn.
29 2 save hay, 1 confind, 26 pick Cotton.
6 Dealia Cook for me, Amy for hands, 3 make hay, 1 weave.
2 2 boys mind Cows and Sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

58

Wednsday 6th. Wind Changeable.

2 Lucy Ann in sick house, Dudley sick.
7 5 at the gin, 2 work on stable.
13 2 hall rails, 8 geather corn, 3 make boards.
33 29 pick cotton, 1 confind, Venus weave, 2 cooking.
Ephraim got back from the port, the 7 load.
3 2 boys mind Cows and sheep, Ben J. mind the hogs.

58

Thursday 7. Wind North.

6 Dudly, Sim, May Jon, Esther, Jane and Lucy in Sick Barracks.
11 5 at the gin, 6 geather Corn.
3 Ephraim gone to Jonnas mill for lumber, 2 repare sims waggon wheel.
3 1 cut hay, 1 confind, 1 weave.
34 31 pick cotton, 2 Cooking, 2 boys mind the cows and sheep.
1 Ben J. gone to town, Flanders at the lot.

58

Friday 8. Wind N. and W. Cool night.

6 Dudly, Sim, May Jon, Easther Lucy and Jane and Dye in Sick Barracks.
21 [4] at the gin, 12 geather corn, 2 repare waggon, 1 haul, 2 save hay.
27 25 picking Cotton, 1 spin, 1 weave.

4 2 cook, 2 boys mind stock. Ben J. mind hogs.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Saturday 9. Wind N.

4 Dudly, Nancy Florah, Dealia Jon and Tom, Dye in the sick Barracks.
20 5 at the gin, 11 gathering Corn, 3 repair wheel, 1 save hay.
32 1 spin, 1 weave, 2 cook, 28 pick cotton.
2 2 boys mind the cows and sheep, Ben J. mind the
—— hogs. Flanders at the lot.
58

Sunday 10. Wind South.

Dealia, Nancy Florah, Jane, Tom and Dye in sick Barracks. Old Mary cook for me, 3 mind the stock.

Mondy 11. Wind N. W.

6 Samuel, Jon, Catherine and Tom, Dye and Venus, sick Barracks.
15 5 at the gin, 10 geathering Corn.
32 29 picking Cotton, 1 spin, 2 work stable.
5 2 cook, 2 boys mind cows and sheep, 1 cut hay, Ben
—— J. mind hogs.
58

Tuesday 12. Wind Changeable, turnd warm.

6 Sam and John, Cathrin, Tom, Venus, Dye, Barracks.
8 5 at the gin, 1 spin, 2 save hay.

38 29 pick cotton, 9 geather corn.
4 2 work on stable, 2 cook, 2 boys mind stock.
2 Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.

58

Wedns. 13. Wind South, Cloudy, some rain.

6 Sam Sail, Elcy Binah, Tom, Venus and dye, Tempy, in sick Barracks.
15 5 at the gin, 10 geathering corn.
25 22 pick Cotton, 3 work on stable.
4 2 cook, 1 spin, Ephraim hall Cotton St. Marks.
2 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.
6 6 pack Cotton. Flanders at the lot.

58

Thursday 14. Wind N., Cooler.

6 Sam Sail, Ann Binah, Elcy, Tom, Tempy and Venus in sick Barracks.
15 5 at the gin, 10 geath[er]ing corn.
28 25 pick cotton, 3 work on stable.
6 2 work on new stable, 2 cook, 2, Ephraim and Charlie, hall crib from the old place.
2 1 spin, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.
1 Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.

58

Friday 15. Wind N. E.

5 Sam Sail, Binah, Elcy, Tempy and Dye in sick Barracks.
15 5 at the gin, 10 geath[er]ing Corn.
7 2 work on stable, 5 raise new crib.
29 26 pick cotton, 2 cook, 1 weave.
2 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs,
—— Flanders sick.
58

Saturday 16. Wind E.

2 Dye and Tempy in sick Barracks.
16 5 at the gin, 11 geath[er]ing corn.
31 28 pick cotton, 3 work on new stable.
6 3 work on crib, 2 cook, 2 boys mind stock.
3 Ephraim hall a load of lumber from Gammon's mill,
—— 1 weave, Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.
58

Sundy 17. Wind E.

Dye sickness caused by her breast rising. 1 cook, 3 mind stock.

Monday 18. Wind N. E.

6 Di in sick barracks, 5 at the gin.
14 12 geathering Corn, 2 work on stable.
5 2 work on crib, 2 cook, 1 weave.
30 30 pick cotton.
3 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ephraim hall Cotton
—— St. Marks, Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.
58

Tuesday 19. Wind N.

11	Simon and Di in sick house, 5 at the gin, 4 work on stable and crib.
41	29 pick cotton, 11 geather corn, 1 split rails.
4	Ephraim hall cotton, 2 cook, 1 weave.
2	2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs,
——	Flanders at lot.
58	

Wedns. 20. Wind N. E., fair weather, cool nights.

4	Rachal, Tom, Susan and Di in sick Barracks.
12	5 at the gin, 7 geather Corn.
34	27 picking Cotton, 5 work on stable and crib, 2 boys carry boards.
3	1 split rails, 1 make new lot, 1 weave.
2	2 cook, 2 boys mind sheep and cows, Ephraim hall cotton.
3	2 hall bords, Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at lot.
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58	

Thursday 21. Wind S. E.

5	Robert, Rachal, Sue, Jane and Di in Sick Barracks.
12	5 at the gin, 7 geath[er]ing corn.
31	27 picking Cotton, 4 work on stable and crib.
4	2 boys hall bords, 2 repare fence.
4	Eprim hall Cotton, 2 cook, 1 weave.
2	3 mind stock, Flanders at the lot.
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58	

Friday 22. Wind S. E.

3	Sam Sail cut his hand, Rachal and Jane and Sue in Sick house.
12	5 at the gin, 7 geathering Corn.
33	28 pick Cotton, 5 covering stable.
3	2 hall boards, 1 hall cotton.
4	2 cook, 1 work on Chimny to Sam Sails house, 1 at loom.
2	2 boys mind stock, Ben J. gone to town.
1	Mariah nurse her sick child.
58	

Saturday 23. Wind S., warm.

6	Sam Sail, Samuel, Haywood, Binah, Sally and Abraham in sick Barracks.
4	Barrack grind [meal], 2 picking over cotton in gin house, 2 boys drive.
31	24 pick peas, 6 pack cotton, 1 hall cotton.
11	2 work on stable, 8 gather corn, Venus at the loom.
4	2 work on Sam's Chimny, 2 cook.
2	2 mind stock, Flanders at the lot.
58	

Sundy 24. Wind South, likely for rain.

Sam Sail, Samuel, Haywood, Binah, Sally and Abram in sick Barracks, 1 cook, 3 after the stock.

Monday 25. Wind N., turned Cool at night.

6	Di, Samuel, Sam Sail, Haywood and Aggy in sick barracks, Sally Confind.
10	5 at gin, 2 hall clay and . . . [illegible] 2 working on chimny, 1 hall cotton.
37	15 pick cotton, 19 geathering peas, 3 work on stable.
3	2 cook, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.
2	1 at the loom, Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.
58	

Tuesday 26. Wind N, fare and cooler.

8	Di, Sam Sail, Aggy, Charlot, Lit[tle] Lucy, John, Nancy Beverly in sick Barracks, and Sally confind.
12	4 at the gin, 8 geathering corn.
27	25 picking Cotton, 2 work on Sam's house.
4	E[phriam] halling cotton St. Mark's, 2 cook, 1 weave.
5	1 hall clay and boards, 4 covering stable.
2	2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.
58	

Wedns. 27. Wind North, turned off quite cool.

8	Di, Sam Sail, Aggy, Charlot, litle John, Nancy Beverly in sick Barracks, Sally confind.
14	4 at the gin, 10 geathering corn.
26	24 picking Cotton, 2 work on Sam's hous.
5	4 covering stable, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.

5 Ben J. mind hogs, 1 hall off Cotton, 2 cook, 1 weave.

58

Thursday 28. Wind N., quite cool.

6 Nancy Beverly, george, Aggy, L. Lucy, Di and Sally in sick Barracks.
17 4 at the gin, 13 saving seede cain.
27 26 picking cotton, Eprim hall of[f] cotton.
5 3 working on stable, 2 cook.
2 Venus at the loom, 2 boys after cows and sheep.
1 Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.

58

Friday 29. Wind N. by East.

4 B. Lucy, Di, Sally in sick house, Venus nurse her sick child.
4 Barraks and 2 boys grind, 2 picking over cotton.
42 28 picking cotton, 14 picking peas.
3 3 work on stable, 1 repare cart wheel ½ day.
3 2 cook, 1 hall of cotton St. Marks.
2 2 boys after cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Saturday 30. Wind North East.

4 Dealia, Di, B. Lucy, Sally in sick quarters.
33 4 at the gin, 29 pick cotton.
14 12 geathering Corn, 2 at stable.

3 Robert gone to town after tools, 2 cook.
2 1 split rails, 1 at the loom.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Sunday 31st. Wind N. E.

Dealia, Di and Sally sick. Old Mary cook for me, 3 after stock.

Monday 1st of November. Wind N. E.

4 Di, Nancy, Briant, Mariah, Old Billy in sick Barracks.
16 4 at the gin, 12 geathering corn.
29 28 picking cotton, Ephrim hall lumber from Gor[man's] mill.
2 1 work on stable, 1 split rails.
2 Robt. and Samuel working at yard.
1 Venus nurse her sick child.
4 2 cooking, 3 after the stock.
—— Flander at the lot.
58

Tuesday 2nd. Wind N. E., turned warmer.

4 Nancy Brint [i. e., Bryant], Old Billy, Ephrim, and Dudly [in] the Sick Barracks.
10 5 at the gin, 5 geathering corn ½ day, and make boards and dig, troughft [i. e., trough].
9 7 hall in Corn, 2 work at the yard.

2 1 split rails, 1 at the loom.
33 29 picking cotton, 2 cook, 3 after the stock.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Wedns. 3rd. Wind North East.

5 Dudly and Ephraim, George, Nancy Brint, old Billy, sick house.
12 5 at the gin, 6 hall in corn, Sim hall lumber from gorman's mill.
34 6 pack cotton, 28 picking cotton.
4 2 work at the yard, 2 cooking.
2 1 weave, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.
1 Ben J. mind hogs, Flanders at the lot.

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58

thurs 4. Wind N. E.

8 Dudly, george, Sim, Tom and Billy and Coleman, Melia, Sally, in Sick Barracks.
8 4 at the gin, 2 repare new lot, 2 hall rails.
36 2 makeing pickets, 32 pick cotton, 2 cooking.
3 2 work at the yard, 1 weave.
1 Ephraim hall cotton St. Marks, Flanders [at the] lot.
2 2 boys mind cows, sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

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58

Frida[y] 5. Wind North.

7 Dudly, Sim, Coleman, Melia, Sally, Lucy, Brint and Tamer in sick house.

39 5 at the gin, 31 picking cotton, 2 work at the yard and 1 split rails.
6 2 repar lot fence, 3 make pickets, 1 holl of cotton.
7 2 cook, 2 hall rails, 3 after the stock.
—— Flanders at the lot.
58

Saturday 6. Wind South, quite warm.

6 Coleman, Melia, Sally, Lucy B., Tamer and Barrack in sick Barraks.
6 4 at the gin, 2 at the yard.
4 2 repar fence, 2 hall railes.
2 1 repar gable end of Crib and fix doors, 1 split rails.
32 31 pick cotton, Ephraim hall of Cotton bales.
5 3 make pickets, 2 cook.
3 3 after the stock, Flanders at the lot.

58

Sunday 7. Wind South.

Coleman laying up with a rising on his tow. Lucy B., Tamer sick. 1 cook for mee. 3 after the stock. Melia deliverd of a girl child.

Monday the 8. Wind South, very warm, Smal shower at night.

7 Coleman, Tamer, Sue, Lucy ann, Sally melia and Barrack in sick house.
9 4 at the gin, 4 dig horse troughft, 1 repar baskits.
2 1 split rails, 1 work on stable.

31 30 pick cotton, 1 hall Cotton.
5 1 weave, 2 cook, 2 hall rails.
4 3 after the stock, 2 at the yard hanging windows.

58

Tuesday 9. Wind South.

6 Tamer, Abraham and Flanders, Sue, Lucy ann, Sally, Melia [sick].
6 4 at the gin, 2 split rails.
4 2 dig hors troughft, 2 work on stable.
33 2 work on Sams Cabins, 31 pick cotton.
4 1 hall of Cotton, 1 weave, 2 cook.
3 2 hall Clay and Boards, Bob gone to town after Lyme.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Wedns 10. Wind South, very warm.

9 Abraham, Simon, Sue, Lucy ann, Sally and Melia, Nancy, Venus and Tamer and Flandis in Sick house.
7 4 at the gin, 2 hall rails, 1 repare Baskits.
4 2 get waggon timber, 2 split rails.
33 3 work at the yard, 30 pick Cotton.
5 1 hall of Cotton, 2 cook, 3 after Stock.

58

Thurs 11. Wind S., very warm.

7 Simon, Lucy Sails, Sally, Melia and Venus and Di in sick house, Queen nurse her sick child.

9 5 at the gin, 4 hall rails.
4 2 get waggon timber, 2 split rails.
34 3 work at the yard, 31 pick cotton.
4 2 Cook, 3 after Stock.

58

Friday 12. Wind South.

6 Plesant, India, Simon, Melia, Sally, in sick quarters, queen nurse her sick child.
11 5 at the gin, 6 pack Cotton.
6 3 hall rails, 1 split rails, 2 work on stable.
31 29 pick Cotton, 2 cook.
2 1 at the loom, Lucy cleaning the house.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Satur 13. Wind South.

6 Agg, Melia, Sally, Litle Philis, Judy in sick house, queen nurse her sick child.
4 old george grind, old Billy and Barracks trash Cotton[25] in gin house.
5 2 hall rails, 1 split rails, 2 work on stable.
2 2 hall leaves in the lot, 1 at the loom.
35 31 pick Cotton, 2 cook. Lucy Cleaning the house.
2 2 make gin house lot fence.

[25] See glossary.

2 2 getting out wheel timber.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Sundy 14. Wind Changeable.

Melia, Sally, aggy, Philis and queens child, sick.
Delia cook, 3 after the stock.

Mondy 15. Wind North.

4 Simon, Sally, Melia and little Philis in sick house.
9 5 at gin, 2 hall rails, 2 hall leaves.
4 1 split rails, 3 work on table.
34 32 pick Cotton, 2 make gin house lot fence.
2 B. Lucy Clean house, 1 weave.
1 Sim attend on mules and pick cotton.
4 2 Cook, 3 after stock.

58

Tuesday 16. Wind North.

4 Sam Sail, Robert, Melia and Sally in sick house.
7 5 at the gin, 2 gone after oats.
3 2 hall leaves, 1 work on stable.
2 2 make pickets.
2 B. Lucy Cleaning house, 1 weave.
38 36 picking Cotton, 2 cook.
Sim attend to mules and pick cotton.
2 3 after stock.

58

Wedns 17. Wind S. E.

5 Sam Sail, Robert, Nancy Isam, Melia and Sally in sick house.
7 5 at the gin, 2 hall leaves and sand.
4 2 hall rails and fodder, 2 make pickets.
34 33 pick cotton, 1 work on stable.
4 2 cook, 1 at the house, 1 weave.
1 Sim attend to mules and pick cotton.
1 Carry brick and wait on Tom.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Thurs 18. Wind South.

6 Sam Sail, Mary, John, Robert, Melia, Sally, sick.
7 5 at the gin, 2 hall leaves and sand.
4 2 hall rails and fodder, 2 make pickets.
2 1 repare waggon wheel, 1 weave.
37 2 at the yard, 33 pick cotton, 2 cook.
2 3 after stock.

58

Friday 19. Wind North, a slight rain in the morning, very cool at night.

2 Melia, Robert in Sick house.
7 5 at gin, 2 hall rails and fodder.
4 2 hall peas, 2 make laths.
2 1 repare waggon wheel, 1 weave.
3 1 repare Baskits, 2 cook.

32 8 meanure corn ½ day at Vass place, then pick peas, 24 pick peas ½ day, then pick Cotton.
4 3 women pick Cotton all day, 1 at the lot.
2 1 at the Yard, 1 spin.
2 3 after stock.

58

Saturday 20. Wind North, quite cold, slight frost in the morning.

1 Melia confind, and the only one sick.
5 Sally Spin, 4 at the gin, george grinding.
2 2 hall up sugar mill and pickets.
3 1 hall leavs, 2 work on the wels.
2 1 work on stable and fix sugar mill.
2 2 getting lightwood for grinding and boiling sugar.
39 36 picking cotton, 2 cook, 1 weave.
2 Plesant work in shop, Lucy stil at the yard.
2 2 boys mind cows and sheep, Ben J. mind hogs.

58

Sundy 21. Wind N. E., turned much warmer in the evening.

2 Melia and Tempy laying up. Delia cook for me. 3 mind stock.

Mondy 22. Wind South, Frost and Thick Ice.

2 Melia lay up, Sally spin.
5 4 at the gin, 1 getting [illegible]

15 15 Cutting and halling Cain and boiling sugar.
3 1 getting wood, 2 women at the yard.
2 bob and Sam repare sugar mill and gates.
28 26 pick cotton, 2 cook.
3 1 hall of cotton, 3 after stock.

58

Tuesday 23. Wind South, light rain soon in the morning.

2 Robert and Melia laying up.
19 4 at the gin, 15 cutting, halling and grinding cain and make Sugar.
6 2 spin, 1 at the yard, 1 work on stable, 2 cook.
22 21 pick cotton, 1 hall of Cotton bales.
9 6 pack cotton, 1 make [illegible], 2 boys mind stock,
—— Ben J. gone to town.
58

Wedns 24. Wind Changeable, rain nearly all day.

2 Robert and Melia Laying up.
1 1 work on stable. I had Evans Smith to iron new wheels.
7 5 at the gin, 2 help iron new wheels.
16 Cutting, halling and grinding Cain and boiling sugar.
1 hall of Cotton, 2 cook, 3 dig troughft ½ a day,
—— the balance shelling corn, moving seed and Spin-
[58] ning. 3 after stock.

Thurs 25. Wind N. W., turnd cold all day.

3 Jon and Nat sick, Melia laying up.
7 5 at gin, 2 in blacksmith shop.
3 2 at the yard, 1 work on stable.
24 22 pick Cotton, 2 Cook.
18 18 cuting, halling and grinding Cain and make sugar.
3 1 hall of Cotton, 3 after Stock.

58

Frida 26. Wind N. W., very Cold, white frost this Morning.

2 Melia and Martha sick.
6 5 at the gin, 1 in shop making hooks and hinges.
3 2 at the yard, 1 work on stable.
3 1 work on new wheels, 2 cook.
20 20 pick Cotton, 12 covering Cain in the evening.
21 21 cut, hall, grind Cain and make sugar.
3 1 hall of cotton, 3 after Stock.

58

Saturda 27. Wind N., very cold, Cain fros[t]ed this morning.

2 Martha, old Mary, Melia in sick quarters.
5 5 at the gin, Barrack grind.
3 2 at the yard, 1 work on stable.
22 18 pick Cotton, 2 Cook, 2 in blacksmith shop.

23 23 Cut and hall and grind Cain and make Sugar and Bank Cain.
3 1 hall of cotton, 3 after the stock.

58

Sunda 28. Wind North, a white frost, though the weather moderated.

Old Mary, Martha, Melia and Haywood Sick. 1 cook for mee, 2 mind stock. Jimey gone after the Dr. for Haywood, he started at 1 o'clock P. M.

Monday 29. Wind North, quite cool.

2 Elcy Binah and haywood in sick quarters.
8 5 at gin, 3 work on stable and put new leaver in king Poast of the gin.
2 2 gon to find stock at Vass [field] ½ day, then hall rails at home.
3 1 spin, 1 weave, 2 cook. Tempy nurs Haywood.
2 Sim attend to mules and hall leaves.
38 37 pick Cotton, Jim lost the horse he rode after the Dr., got home at 2 oclk. P. M., pick cotton.
3 Ephrim hall of cotton, 3 after stock.

[58]

Tuesda 30th. Wind N. E.

5 Elcy, Nancy Flora, Haywood and Albert, Sally, in sick house.
7 4 at the gin, 3 work on stable.

2 2 hall leaves and attend to the mules.
4 1 at the loom, 2 Cook, Tempy nurse Haywood.
36 35 pick Cotton, 1 gone to Town after medicin and [illegible].
2 1 hall of Cotton, 1 getting Lightwood to make tarr.
2 3 after stock.

58

Wedns 1st. Wind East and Cloudy.

3 Haywood, Sally, Di in Sick barracks.
9 4 at the gin, 3 work on stable, 2 hall leavs.
4 1 fix tarkill, 2 Cook, 1 at the loom.
39 38 pick cotton, 1 hall Cotton.
3 1 spin, 3 after stock.

[58]

Thurs 2nd. Wind N. W., Raining and wet all the morning, hands don not much today.

2 Haywood, Sally, in sick Barracks.
12 4 at the gin, 6 pack Cotton, 2 hall fodder.
5 2 work on the mill, 3 make Coal kill [i. e., charcoal kiln.]
4 2 work on stable, 2 hall leavs.
3 2 cook, 1 at the loom.
[30] the balance shel Corn in the forenoon and pick cotton in the afternoon.
[2] 3 mind stock.

[58]

Friday 3rd. Wind N. turnd of quite coald.

2 Haywood and Flanders in sick house, 1 spin.
7 5 at the gin, 2 hall trash and attend to mules.
3 1 repare kitchen steps and mill, 2 at the stable.
3 2 cook, 1 gone to hunt the stray horse.
41 40 pick cotton, 1 at loom.
[2] 3 after the stock.

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[58]

Saturda 4. Wind North and frost.

2 Haywood, Flanders sick, 1 spin.
7 4 at the gin, 1 make tar, 2 hall fodder and timber to yard.
4 2 hall fodder and leavs, 2 cook.
7 3 work at the yard, 4 split rails.
35 34 pick Cotton, 1 burn Coals.
3 1 at the loom, 3 after the stock.

58

Sundy 5. Wind N. West, frost.

Daniel and little Lucy in Sick house, 1 cook for mee, 3 after the stock.

Mondy 6. Wind North and frost.

2 Daniel, Haywood and Nancy Beverly in sick quarters.
7 4 at the gin, 3 working at the yard.
5 4 split rails, 1 burn Coals.

4	1 hall of Cotton, 2 cook, 1 at the loom.
36	33 pick Cotton, 2 hall rails, 1 spin.
1	1 mind tar kill and make fence.
1	1 hall leavs and attend to mules.
2	3 after stock.
58	

Tuesday 7. Wind, N. E., frost.

4	Nancy Beverly, Flora, little Philis and Haywood in sick quarters.
7	4 at gin, 3 work at the yard.
5	4 split rails, 1 burn Coals.
4	1 hall of Cotton, 2 cook, 1 at the loom.
33	31 pick Cotton, 2 hall rails.
2	1 make fences, 1 make hoe helves.
1	1 hall leaves and attend to mules.
2	3 after stock.
58	

Wedns 8. Wind S. E. Cloudy.

5	Mariah, Litle Philis, Nancy Beverly, Flora, Haywood in Sick quarters.
7	4 at the gin, 3 work at the yard.
6	4 split rails, 2 Cut in Cow lot.
4	1 with the waggon, 2 Cook, 1 at the wheel.
12	9 pick Cotton, 2 hall rails, 1 hall potatoes and leavs.
24	22 dig potatoes, 3 after the stock.
58	

Thurs 9. Wind South.

5	Nancy Bevely, Litle Philis, Mariah and Haywood and Amy in Sick quarters.
7	4 at the gin, 3 working at the yard.
6	4 split rails, 1 cut in cow lot, 1 burn Coals.
5	1 hall of Cotton, 2 Cook, 2 spin.
33	3 hall leavs, 30 pick Cotton.
2	3 after the stock.
58	

Frida 10. Wind S.

4	N. Flora, L. Phillis, Amy and Haywood in sick quarters.
7	4 at the gin, 3 work at the yard.
6	4 split rails, 2 Cut in Cow lot.
5	1 hall of Cotton, 2 cook, 2 spin.
34	5 geathering leavs, 29 pick Cotton.
2	3 after the stock, Flanders choping.
58	

Saturday 11. Wind S.

5	N. Flora, Amy, Elcy, Abraham and Haywood in sick quarters.
4	2 grinding, 2 picking over cotton.
7	3 make pickets, 4 split rails.
10	6 role logs, 4 geathering leavs.
5	1 hall of Cotton, 2 Cook, 2 spin.

27 25 pick Cotton, 3 after the stock, Flanders Cooper.

58

Sunday 12. Wind S.

N. Flora, Amy, sick.
1 Cook, 3 after the stock.

Monday 13. Wind South, Slight rain.

3 Amy and John, N. Flora in sick quarters.
6 4 at the gin, 2 make Pickets.
4 4 mooving hous and fix a place for shop.
3 2 hall rails, 1 make hog pens.
7 4 split rails, 2 cook, 1 work Cloth.
33 29 pick Cotton, 3 geathering leavs, 1 spin.
2 3 after the stock.

58

Tuesday 14. Wind N., turn could, white frost at night.

2 Amy and Sally in sick quarters.
7 4 at the gin, 3 work at the yard.
26 12 clean fence, 14 pick cotton.
8 4 hall rails, 4 split rails.
10 6 pack cotton, 2 cook, 1 spin, 1 at the loom.
5 3 getting leaves, 3 after the stock.

58

Weds 15. Wind North, Cold Morning.

2 Amy, B. Lucy and Sue in sick house.
6 4 at the gin, 2 work at the yard.

27 12 Clean fence, 15 pick Cotton.
6 6 pack and weigh Cotton ½ day, then role logs and raise hous.
1 Samuel work at yard ½ day, then rais hous.
7 3 geathering leavs, 4 split rails.
3 1 hall logs from Cowpen, 2 Cook.
4 1 spin, 1 at the loom, 2 hall rails.
2 3 after the stock.

58

thurs 16. Wind N. Cold and Frosty.

2 Amy and B. Lucy in sick hous.
6 4 at the gin, 2 work at the yard.
28 14 Clean fence, 14 pick cotton.
5 3 work on black Smith shop, 2 make fence.
7 3 geathering leaves, 4 split rails.
3 2 hall boards and leaves, 1 hall of cotton.
4 2 Cook, 1 spin, 1 at the loom, 2 feede the fatlings.
1 2 boys mind Cows and sheep.

[56]

Frida 17. Wind N., Cold and frosty.

3 Amy, Haywood laying up, Di and Melia nursing there sick children.
8 4 at the gin, 2 make shingles, 2 work on shop.
26 24 Cleaning fence, 2 halling Cotton from ol[d] quarter.
6 6 pack Cotton ½ a day, then help hall Cotton.
7 4 split rails, 3 geather leavs.

4 2 cook, 1 spin, 1 at the loom.
3 1 holl of Cotton, 2 feede the fatlings and mind hogs.
1 2 boys mind Cows and sheep, Flanders at the lot.

58

Saturda the 18. Wind N., Cold and frosty.

4 Amy, Haywood and Chestly in sick quarters, Melia and Sally nursing there sick children.
3 3 at the gin hous, Barrack grind.
5 3 Covering shop, 2 make shingles.
5 3 geathering leavs, 2 hall Clay and bricks.
6 4 split rails, 2 mend Chimney to Delias hous.
4 1 hall of Cotton, 2 Cook, 1 spin.
3 2 feede fatlings and mind hogs, 1 at the loom.
27 21 Clean fence, 4 make fence, 2 work in shop.
1 2 boys mind Cows, Flanders at the lot.

58

Sunday 19th. Wind n. Cold Morning, frosty.

old Mary and Tamer, Nancy Beverly in sick quarters.
Delia Cook, 2 feede the fatlings.
2 boys mind Cows and sheep, Di's Child died this morning.

Monday 20th. Wind N. and frost.

4 old Mary and Tamer, Martha, N. Flora and Amy in sick house.

9 4 at the gin, 3 work on shop, 2 Cook.
4 2 put up the kittle, 2 repare Chimny.
5 2 hall Clay and brick, 3 geathering leavs.
3 1 hall of Cotton, 2 feede fatlings.
6 1 spin, 1 at the loom, 4 split rails.
26 22 Cleaning fence, 4 make fence at quarter.
1 2 boys after the Cows and sheep, Flanders at the
—— lot.
[58]

Tuesday 21st. Wind North, light frost.

5 Amy, old Mary, old Billy, Tamer, N. Flora and Rachael and Jonem in sick house.
9 4 at the gin, 3 work on shop, 2 make forge.
6 2 repare Chimneys, 2 Cooking, 1 spin, 1 at the loom.
5 2 hall Clay and brick, 3 geathering leavs.
21 21 Cleaning fence.
8 4 split rails, 4 make fence at new quarters.
4 2 feede the fatlings, 1 hall of Cotton, 2 boys after
—— cows and sheep.
58

Wednsday 22. Wind N. W., a white frost and Cold night.

3 Rachal, Amy Jones and Billy in sick quarters.
4 4 at the gin ½ day, then clean fence.
4 2 repare sick house, 2 cook.
5 2 hall tools and iron from old quarters and hous, 3 geathering leavs.
4 2 work on shop, 1 spin, 1 at the loom.
2 2 working at the offal of hogs killed over night.

5 3 Cut and salt meat, 2 feed hogs.
5 4 split rails, 1 hall cotton.
25 24 clean fence, bob get timber for wheels.
1 2 boys after stock, Flanders at the lot.

58

thursda 23. Wind N., frosty morning.

1 Amy and old Billy in sick quarters.
2 2 grinding.
7 7 women Clean offel of hogs ½ [time] then 2 rake leavs, 1 mind hogs, 4 clean fence.
9 9 grinding Cain and making sugar.
5 4 halling Cain, 1 strip Cain.
2 2 repare sick hous and pack cotton.
2 2 finish shop, kill hogs and pack cotton.
3 1 cut wood and pack cotton, 2 feede hogs.
5 3 split rails and kill hogs, 2 feede hogs.
22 2 spining, 19 cleaning fence, 2 boys after cows and sheep.

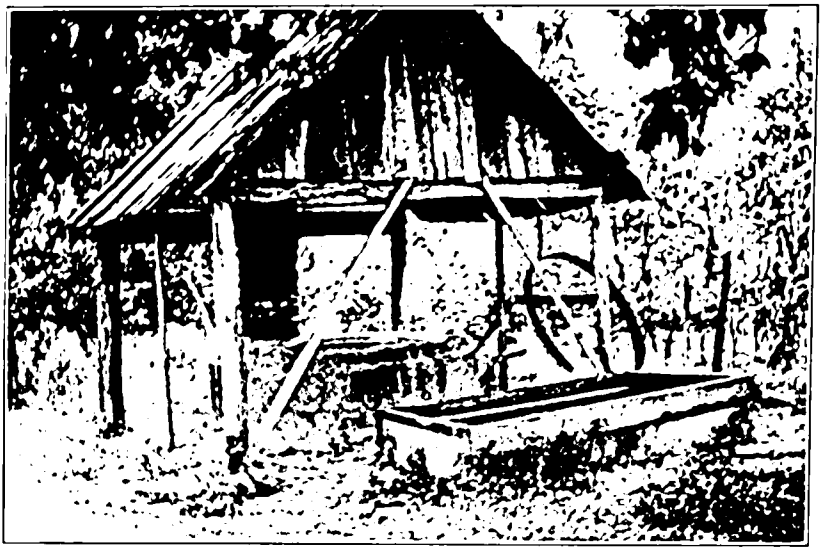
[58]

Friday 24th. Wind S. Clouded up and warm.

The negro hollydays commenced.
Billy stil Complains of his Shoder [shoulder] Delia cook for me, 2 feede hogs, 2 boys mind cows and sheep. we cut up and salted 20 hogs this morning.

Saturday 25th. Christmas day, rained all the morning.

Elcy and Billy in Sick Quarters. Delia Cook for me, 2 seeing to hogs, 2 boys after cows and sheep.



THE SYRUP FURNACE, EL DESTINO

RUINS OF THE PLANTATION OVEN, EL DESTINO

Sunday the 26. turnd of Cool, some frost this morning.

Elcy and Billy laying up. 1 cook, 2 seeing to hogs, 2 boys mind cows and sheep.

Monday 27. Wind N., frost this morning.

Christmas out today.
Billy laying up, Queen's child very sick. 1 Cook for mee, 2 seeing to the hogs. 2 boys after the Cows and sheep, the negroes hollydays ends to day.

Tuesday 28. Wind N. and East, frost, though turnd of warm to day.

2 old Billy laying up, queen nurse her sick child.
3 3 moveing the green house.
2 2 fix up rope lathe and make rope.
5 5 geathering and halling leavs to Cowpen.
3 1 work on new wheels, 2 Cook.
1 work on house ½ day, then in blacksmith shop.
3 Dudley with bob ½ day, then in shop. 2 boys mind the cows and sheep.
3 1 work on sick house, 2 feede hogs.
37 4 split rails, 2 spin, 31 Clean fence.

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[58]

Wedns 29. Wind N., warmer, no frost.

2 old Billy laying up, Queen nurse her child.
5 4 work on loom house, Simon sort boards.
5 2 hall timber for house, 3 geathring leavs.
3 2 in blck smith shop, bob making new wheels.

8 4 split rails, 2 cook, 2 spin.
31 1 hall of Cotton, 30 Cleaning fence.
2 2 make ropes ½ day, then fix ploughs and gear.
2 Ben J. feede hogs, 2 boys mind Cows and sheep.

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[58]

Thurs 30. Wind N. E., Cloudy all day.

4 Coleman, george and Billy in sick quarters, Queen with her child.
6 4 work on loom house, 2 hall boards and Clay.
4 3 geathing leavs, 1 hall of cotton.
3 2 in shop, bob make wheels.
7 3 Split rails, 2 Cook, 2 spin.
8 8 Commenced ploughing at Vass place.
26 24 Clean fence, 3 mind hogs and cattle.

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Friday 31. Wind N. E. and Cloudy all day.

3 3 Coleman and George in sick house, Queen with her child.
4 2 work on loom house, 2 in shop.
2 2 work on Chimneys.
3 1 work wheels, 2 Cook.
7 6 geathering leavs, E. got back from St. Marks.
5 3 split rails, 2 spin.
32 8 ploughing, 24 Clean fence and Cut road.
2 3 mind stock.

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EL DESTINO TABULATIONS, 1847

THE SLAVES, IN FAMILY GROUPS.

A List of negroes on El distina in 1847.[1]

Prince
H[abersham]
Mary
H[abersham]
Phillis
Abram
Cato
Robert

Hannah
Margaret
Jo
Fanney
Jim

Phillis McQuean
Polly
Besy
Eli

Sam Sails
Ann
John
Rachal
Loosy
Dilcy
Sam
Lymus
Jerrymiah

Barrick
Easter
Hetty
Biner

Chesley
Sally
Appa

George
Tirah
Sharlott
Judy
Abram
Binah
Molly
Hannah
Peater

Ben Jackson
Daniel
Leannah
Jim
Winey
Peney
Spencer
Lewis

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[1] In the handwriting of William Wolfe, the overseer.
The separating lines doubtless indicate family groups.

Sim
Di
Harry
Becky

Jimey
Melia
Priscilla
Richard
Emily
Lizer

Mariah
Edward
John

Nancy Briand
Loosey
Dafney
Andrew

Pleasant
Venus
Jack
Julia

Nancy Bevily
Prissy

O. Jane
Nelson
Catherine
Betsy

Robert
Loosy
Elcy

Nancy Florah
Prishanna
Tom

Mary John
Sampson

Primus
Tempy
Haywood
Dolly
Marian
Lewis

Ephraim
Nancy Bate

Nancy Isham
Luizar

Charles
Aggy
Polly

Amy
Aberdeen
Prince

O(ld) Lizey
Joner
John

Dudley
Phillis
Henry
Clay

Delia
Lizabeth
Susannah

Sam Jones
Tamer
Martha
Isham
Albert
Samual
Simond

Flanders	Jane at the yard	Stephen
Easter	Robert	Winey
_____	Mary	Nat
O. Kate	Ellin	Coatney
Coalman	Matilda	Thommes

SLAVE CHILDREN ON EL DESTINO, 1847.

A list of Negro children at Eldestino who drew winter clothing, Octr. 28, 1847.

Tempe's children		
Hayward	4	yds.
Dolly	3½	"
Lewis	2½	"
Mary Ann	2	"
Dye's children		
Harry	3	"
Melia's children		
Eliza	3	"
Priscilla	2½	"
Richard	2¼	"
Emily	1¾	"
Ben Jackson's children		
Jim	3	"
Winney	2½	"
Perry	2½	"
Spencer	2	"
Winney's children		
Coatney	3	yds.
Natt	4	"
Thomas	2	"
Phillis McQuean's children		
Polly	3	yds.
Bess	3	"
Ely	1¾	"
Isabella	1½	"
Venus' children		
Jack	3	"
Julia	2	"
Peggy	1½	"
Nancy Isham's		
Louisa	3	"
Amy's child	2¼	"

Mary John's child 1¾ yds.

Nancy Beverly's child 1¾ "

Tirah's children
- Abram Jackson 5 yds.
- Binah 4 "
- Hannah 2½ "
- Peter 1½ "
- Charlotte 5 "

Sally's Infant 1 "

Affy's Infant 1½ "

Hannah's Joe 2½ "

old Jane's children
- Catherine 4 yds.
- Betsey 3 "
- Leonard 1¾ "

Mary Habersham's children
- Robert 3 yds.
- Cato 5 "

Maria's children
- Edward 2¾ "
- John 2 "
- Charles 1½ "

Delia's children
- Susanna 4 "
- Elizabeth 3 "

Ann's children
- Sam 3 yds.
- Limus 2½ "
- Jane 3 "
- Jerry 1¾ "

Nancy Bryan's children
- Lucy 5 yds.
- Andrew 2 "
- Daphney 1¾ "

Esther's children
- Hetty 3 "
- Binah 1¾ "

Old Phillis's children
- Henry 4 "
- Clarey 3 "

Old Lizzie's children
- John 3 yds.
- Jonas 4 "

Aggy's Polly 5 "

B. Lucy's Ely 5 "

Mary Isham's Albert 4½ "

Sam Sail's
- Lucy 4 "
- Rachael 5 "

Emily's Daniel 4 "

Nancy Flora's Crecy 1¾ yds.

Big Lucy's Elcy 5 "

Gave a pr. of shoes to Susanna, left from last years shoes.

Nov. 19. Gave Isham 6 yds. Winter Cloth.

Little Tom	4½ yds.	Georgia	1¼ yds.
old Kate	6 "	Hayward	2 "

SCHEDULE FOR WEEKLY ISSUES OF CORN MEAL

the allowance which is given out to the Negroes of meal in the fall of 1847.

Prince	4½ [pecks]	Step[h]en	2
Barrack	2 and 6 qts	Abraham	2 and 2 qts
Mariah	1½	Plesant	2 and 6 do
Primus	4½	Samuel	1
Coleman	1	Judy	1
Robert	4	Nancy Bevely	1
Ephraim	4	Sam Sails	8
Jimy	3 and 6 qts	Dudley	3 and 6 do
Martha	1	Ben Jackson	2 and 6 do
Charles	3½	Flanders	2½
Aberdean	2½	old Liza	2
Sim	2½	old Billy	1
Nancy Brint	2 and 6 qts	Sam Jones	1
old Cate	1½	Simon	1
George	4½	Nancy Flora	2 and 2 do
Chestly	2 and 2 qts	Philis Mcqueen	2½
Nancy Isam	3½	old Nelson	3½

WINTER CLOTHING ISSUE, 1848

Names of those who Received Cloth in the winter of 1848.

Prince	Plesant	John Sails
Charles	Isam	Billy
Sam Sail	Jimy	Sam Jons
Robert	Sim	Flanders
George	Barrack	Nelson
Chestly	Aberdean	Catoe
Stephen	Primus	Albert
Simon Jones	Ben Jackson	Boy Jackson,
Abraham	Ephriam	a shirt, 2½
Samuel	Dudly	Tom

the above named Received home made Cloth 3 yds of each, Shirt and pantalloons.

Ann	Sally
Aggy	L. Philis
Easter	Tamer
Mariah	old Mary
Mary Jon	Dealia
Martha	ol. Jane
Mealia	old Philis, 6 homespun
N. Barto	Venus
N. Flora	Dafnee
N. Isham	Old Cate

Di
Catherine 4½ Northern[2]
Dolly 4 do
B. Lucy 6 yds homemade[2]
Daniel 4 yds. homespun
Jonah, 3¾ homespun

the names Received home made Cloth, 6 yds each.

Charlot 6 yds of Northern
Elcy 6
Judy 6
L. Brint 6
N. Brint 6
N. Beverly 6
Rachal 6
Tempy 6
L. Lucy 6
old Easter 6
old Lizy 6
Elisa 4 yds homespun
Jane Sale 5 yds Northern
Polly 4½ do
aggys Polly Northern 6
old Durey Northern
Philis Mc Queen do
Susanah 5 do
litle bob 3 do
Leanah 5

the above names Received Northern Cloath.

Clothes given out to the Children 1st of November, 1847.

Ben Jackson
Sally
Easther
Mealia
Nancy I.
Abraham Jackson
Mariah
Yellow Joe
Tirah
Mary Jon
Philis McQueen
Dealia
Old Jane
Mary Habersham
Di

[2] "Homemade" and "homespun" mean cloth made locally (presumably made on the plantation); "Northern" means cloth from some Northern factory.

INVENTORY OF LIVE-STOCK, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ON EL DESTINO, 1847[3]

A List of horses hogs Catle sheep & settera.

Mules		19	
Horse		1	
Mares		2	
Colts		3	
makeing in all		25	
Sheep		78	
Stock cattle		90	head
Stock hogs		160	head
oxen		8	head
Wagons	2 large	1	small
ox cart		1	
Terning Plows		25	
Scooters and Shovels		30	
Sweapes		17	
Cast plows		8	
Traces		22	pare
Corn		4000	bushels
Fodder		3200	lbs.
Peas		60	bushels
Potatoes		9	Bank

[3] In the handwriting of William Wolfe, the overseer.

FIELDS AND CROPS ON EL DESTINO, 1856[4]

Corn

Rose Hill	100	
Noble's field	170	
Gin house	139	
Prioleau below Canal	70	
" above	44	
	523	
Woods Pasture	35	
	558	

Cotton

Prioleau	63	31
Greene field	35	11
Red Oak No. 1	84	28
" " " 2	57	19
New Ground Ferguson	10	5
New Ground Greenfield	30	15
New Ground 1854	25	13
House field	10	5
Quarters Cut		
Mill fiel	39	13
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[4] From a memorandum in the handwriting of George Noble Jones. The first column of figures gives acreage; the second doubtless records the number of bales harvested. This cast of crops for 1856 is printed in default of any of date nearer to that of the available El Destino Journal.

New ground 1856	100	33
Woods pasture	30	10
Brick yard	42	10
	545	198

CHEMONIE JOURNAL, 1851[1]

Jany. 1st, 1851.

Journal for Chemonie Plantation.

Jany 1st. Cool and unsettled wether, Win N. E. hard rain at night and severe Win.

6 4 at Eldesteno, 2 to stock.[2]
10 Cutting up and Salting Pork.
4 Ridling hog Guts.[3]
1 to Tallahassee with the waggon wheels for to get them Repaird.
19 Picking Cotton.
killed 31 hed of hogs before day, hung up the Pork that was killed on the 9th of Decr. 1850.

thursday 2. Rainy day, Cool, Win N. W.

4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 hawling railes.
2 1 trying up Lard, 1 soing Clothes.
2 gining Cotton.
26 Making Fence through the Pond and the publick road. field hands hinderd from work about 4 hours by Rain.

[1] Written by John Evans, the overseer.

[2] This item means that four slaves of the Chemonie corps were detached for service on El Destino, and two slaves were tending the Chemonie live-stock. Since this item recurs in every day's record throughout 1851, with no significant variation, it is omitted hereafter, to save space in the printing of the journal.

[3] Cleaning entrails for use as sausage casings and "chitterlings."

Friday 3. Frost, Cool day, Win N. W.

4 2 splitting railes, 2 hawling railes.
6 Ploughing in oats in Pond cut.
2 1 making Clothes, 1 soing oats and beating rice.
22 Cleaning Land at Cars [field] for oats.

Satter 4th. Frost Cool wether Win N. W.

4 2 splitting Railes, 2 hawling railes.
6 Ploughing in oats in Pond cut.
2 1 makeing clothes, 1 soing oats and beating rice.
2 hawling cain Fodder in lot for manure.
20 Cleaning Land at Cars for oats.

[Sunday] 5th. Light frost, win N. W.

given out to hands one weeks Rashings and sent the Eldesteno waggon holme. Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno.

Monday 6th. Cool morning, Win N. W.

6 2 splitting railes, 4 hawling railes.
1¼ 1 makeing clothing, ¾, L[ittle] Betty, with scald[ed] hand.
7 6 Ploughing in oats, 1 soing oats.
20 Picking Cotton, sent the old Nelly Mule to Tallahassee to be sold.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee.

Teusday 7. unsettled, Win S. W.

6 2 Splitting railes, 4 hawling railes.
1¼ 1 makeing Clothing, ¼ matiler [i. e., Matilda] with burnt hand.
7 6 Ploughing in oats, 1 soing oats.
20 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 8. Unsettled Wether, Win. S. W.

6 2 splitting railes, 4 hawling railes.
3 2 gining cotton, 1 makeing Clothing.
1¼ 1, L. Marier Sick, ¼, Matiller scald hand.
7 6 Ploughing in oats, 1 soing oats ½ the day.
17 Picking Cotton.

thursday 9th. rainy Even, rain at night, Win South.

6 2 splitting railes, 4 hawling railes.
2¼ 1 soing Clothing, 1 L. Marier sick, ¼ Matiler, scald hand.
9 8 Ploughing in oats, 1 soing oats.
17 Picking Cotton ½ the day.
Field hands hinderd from work by rain. Packed some cotton in the Evening. Shelled corn and cut a few corn stalks.

Jany. 10th. Rainy day, rain at night, Win S. W.

8 6 Packing Cotton, 2 to mill for meal.
1¼ 1 makeing Clothes, ¼. Matiler with burnt hand.
9 Ploughing in oats at Cars.
17 Cleaning up hart O[ld] Field for Corn.

Satterday 11. unsettled wether, Win N. W.

9 Ploughing in oats at Cars.
1 To Tallahassee for the waggon wheels.
2 to Mill for Meal.
22 Cleaning Land in hart old Field and Cleaning Fence Roe.

Sunday 12. unsettled, Win N. W.

Given out to hands one weeks rashings.
1 came back from Tallahassee at 12 oclock with the waggon wheels.
1 to Eldesteno To carry Mr. Jones some butter.

Monday 13. Frost Win N. E.

8 Brakeing up Land in hart O. field.
5 4 hawling railes, 1 spinning Plough Lines.
1¼ 1, Rose, sick, ¼ L. Matiler with burnt hand.
20 Cleaning Fence and makeing fence at harts. Let Eldesteno have 36 bushels of oats. Sent Mr. Jones the barrel of Lard.

Tuesday 14. Frost, Win N. E.

8 Brakeing up Land in hart O. field.
5 4 hawling railes, 1 spining Plough Lines.
4¼ 2 splitting railes, 2 sick, Rose and B. Mungin, ¼ Matiler, sore hand.
17 Picking Cotton.

Jany. 15th. Cool Morning, Win East.

6 4 hawling Railes, 2 splitting Railes.
8 Brakeing up Land in hart O. field finished.
2¼ 1 spining, 1 sick, B. Mungin, ¼ L[ittle] Matiler sore hand.
18 Picking Cotton.

thursday 16. unsettld, Win S. E.

6 4 hawling railes, 2 splitting railes.
4 2 gining, 1 spining, 1 sick, B. Mungin.
24 Picking Cotton.

Friday 17. rain, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling railes, 2 splitting railes.
4 2 gining, 2 to Mill for Meal.
2 1 spining, 1 sick, Ben Mungen.
24 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 18. rainy day, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling railes, 2 splitting railes.
1 To Tallahassee with 6 bales of Cotton, No. 157.
2 1 sick, Ben Mungin, 1 spining.
27 Picking Cotton and shelling corn.
field hands hinderd from work by rain. Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee for Plantation.
Paid Mr. E. B. Clark nine dollars for repairing 2 waggon wheels.

Sunday 19. Cool and Rainy, win N. E.

One weeks rashings. [i. e., rations]
Dick came back at 12 oclock with the waggon.
1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
Sent Mr. Jones six dozen and a half of eggs.

Jany. 20th. unsettled wether, Win N. E.

5 4 hawling railes, 1 spining Plough Lines.
1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
28 Makeing fence at harts and Cleaning fence.
Cotton two wet to Pick.

Teusday 21 st. Frost, Coll morning, Win N. E.

5 4 hawling Railes, 1 spining Plough Lines.
1 sick, Ben Mungin.
2 Suning Cotton.
26 Picking Cotton.
hung up the Last of the Pork at Night.

Wednesday 22. unsettled, Win S. E., light sprinkling of rain at night.

5 4 Hawling Railes, 1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
2 sunning Cotton and 2 gining Cotton in the Evening [i. e., afternoon].
27 Picking Cotton.

Thursday 23. Rain at night, Win S. W.

5 4 hawling Railes, 1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
29 2 Gining Cotton, 27 Picking Cotton.

Friday 24. Rainy thunder Win N. W.

4 hawling Railes hinderd by rain.
2 Sick Ben Mungin and Nathan with a wound.
28 Picking Cotton. Shelling corn and soforth.
Field hands hinderd by Rain.

Satter. 25. unsettled wether, Win N. E.

4 hawling railes at harts.
3 Sick, Mungin, Nathan and L. Mariah.
5 ditching the Pond at the Lot and cutting Logs at harts. Cotton too wet to Pick.

Jany. 26. unsettled wether, Win N. E.

3 Sick, Ben Mungin, Nathan and L. Marier and one child, rina.
1 to Eldesteno with the waggon, carried Mr. George Jones a Mutton.
given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 27. Fair wether, Win S. E.

2 Sick, Ben Mungin and Nathan and 2 children.
1 Confind, Florer, with a male child.
2 attending on Florer.
1 Cooking in Bettys Place for hands.
4 Hawling Railes at harts.
2 Suning Cotton.
22 Picking Cotton.
Sent Abram out in the cuntry to Collect some money.

Tuesday 28. Unsettled Weather, Win. North.

2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 Cooking in Bettys Place.
4 2 gining cotton, 2 suning Cotton.
4 Hawling Railes at hart Place.
24 Picking Cotton.
2 children sick, rina and syke.

Wednes 29. unsettled, Cool Evening, Win N. W.

2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 cooking in Bettys Place.
4 2 gining Cotton, 2 suning Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee with 8 bales of cotton, No. 165.
1 Sick, Cato and two Children.
2 to Mill for meal. Never rec'd any.
24 Picking Cotton.

thursday 30. Ice, cool day, Win North.

2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 coocking in Bettys Place.
4 2 gining Cotton, 2 suning Cotton.
1 Sick, Cato and 2 children.
4 2 to Mill, 2 splitting Railes.
23 Picking Cotton.

Jany. 31st. Frost, Cool wether, Win. N. E.

2 1 Confind, 1 coocking in Bettys Place.
4 2 gining Cotton, 2 suning cotton.
4 2 to Mill, 2 splitting Railes.
24 Picking Cotton. 1 child sick, Rina.

February 1st. Frost, Cool win, North.

2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 Coocking in Bettys Place.
4 2 Gining cotton, 2 suning cotton.
4 2 hawling Railes, 2 splitting Railes.
24 Picking Cotton, 1 child sick, rina.

Sunday 2. unsettled, cool morning, Win N. E.

1 Confind, Florer, 1 child sick.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Sent by the Eldesteno waggon two Bushels of Meal and some [illegible from water stain] and 4 dozen Eggs that I Paid out tobacco for, for Geo. Jones Esqr.

Monday 3. Light Sprinkle of rain, hard rain at night, Win South.

3 1 Confind, Florer, 2 gining Cotton.
5 3 splitting Railes. 2 hawling Railes.
1 suning Cotton, 1 child sick.
25 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 4th. Rainy Morning, Wind S. W.

3 1 Confind, Florer, 2 hawling Railes.
7 Packing Cotton, Packed 8 bales.
3 1 Makeing horse collars, 2 spining.
21 Shelling Corn and Picking [cotton] when it was not raining, finished Picking Cotton for 1850.
one Child Sick, Rina.

February 5. Light frost, Wind S. W.

3 1 Confind, Florer, 2 Sick, Abram and Mariah.
6 Packing Cotton, 1 child sick, rinah.
5 2 hawling, 3 Runing Roes for Cain [i. e., ploughing furrows in which to plant sugar cane].
20 Stripping seed cain[4] and cleaning up Land to Plant it on.

thursday 6. Frost, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, 2 sick, O.[ld] Abram and L.[ittle] Dick.
7 4 hawling cain, 3 covering cain.
24 Planting sugar cain finished.
2 Children Sick, Rina and tener.

Friday 7. Frost, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, 2 sick, Abram and L. Dick.
10 Roling Logs at harts.
2 2 finished gining Cotton for 1850.
1 to Mill for Meal.
28 Cleaning Land at harts, Fencing and so forth.

Satterday 8. Frost, win N. E.

2 1 Confind, 1 sick, L. Dick and 2 children.
10 Roling Logs at harts.
1 To Tallahassee with 8 bales of Cotton, [including] No. 173.

[4] In planting sugar cane, stalks are used in lieu of seed. The stalks are stripped of the adhering leaves, laid in the furrows, and covered by the plough.

1 Hawling cain fodder in the lot.
20 Cleaning Fence Roe and Makeing fence at harts. Mr. Nathan Holt came forward and Paid his note.

Sunday 9. unsettled, Rain at night, Win South.

1 Came back with the waggon in the Evening.
1 Confind, Florer, 2 Children sick, rinah and tener.
1 Given out to hands one weeks rashings. Sent Mr. Jones one Bushel of Meal and four dozen of Eggs.

Feby. 10th. Rainy Morning, Win S. W.

6 finished Packing Cotton for 1850.
3 Spining Plough Lines.
2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 sick, Biner.
1 Beating some homany for Mr. Jones.
1 Hawling Cain Fodder in the Lot.
21 Fencing and Cleaning up Land at harts. Field hands hindered from work by Rain.

Tuesday 11th. cool morning, Win N. W.

10 Roling Logs at harts.
3 1 Spining, 1 confind, Florer, 1 sick, Biner.
4 hawling cotton seed for manure.
17 Cleaning up Land at harts and cutting corn stalks. Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

Wednesday 12th. Cool and Windy wether, Win N. E.

7 Brakeing up Land at harts for corn.
4 hawling out cotton seed for Manure for corn.

3 1 Spining, 1 Confind, Florer, 1 sick, Biner.
5 3 Cutting Logs, 2 Splitting Railes.
15 2 Burning Logs at harts, 13 putting Chuncks together at harts and nocking down Cotton stalks in gin house field for corn [i. e., preliminary to planting corn]. Making Plough Lines at night.

thursday 13th. cool windy and unsettled wether, win N. E. Light Sprinkle of Rain in the Evening.

8 Brakeing up Land at harts for corn.
4 2 hawling out cotton seed, 2 hawling Railes.
2 1 confind, Florer, 1 Spining Plough Lines.
10 8 Roling logs, 2 splitting Railes.
2 Burning Logs at harts.
8 Nocking down cotton stalks and Putting Chuncks together at hart Place.
Makeing Plough Lines at night.

Feby. 14th. unsettled and windy, win S. E.

8 Brakeing up Land at harts for corn.
4 2 hawling Railes and cotton seed, 2 to Mill.
2 1 Confind, Florer, 1 Spining Lines.
20 Fencing and nocking down Cotton Stalks and soforth. Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

Satter. 15th. unsettled, Light Sprinkle of rain, Win at night, Win N. E.

8 Brakeing up Land for corn.
1 To Tallahassee with 6 Bales of cotton, No. 179.
3 2 hawling out cotton seed, 1 spining.
1 Confind, Florer.

10 8 Roling Logs, 2 burning Logs.
11 Putting Chuncks together and nocking down cotton Stalks.
the waggon went by the way of Eldesteno.
John Evans went to Tallahassee.

Sunday 16. Cool, Windy, Win N. E.

1 Confind, Florer, 1 boy sick, Demps.
1 To Eldesteno to carry Mr. Jones a kid.
given out to hands one weeks rashings.

Monday 17th. Frost, Cool, windy wether, win N. E.

8 Brakeing up Land for corn.
4 2 hawling out Cotton seed, 2 hawling Railes.
4 2 Spining, 2 Burning Logs.
8 Roling Logs and Pushing up Chuncks.
2 Splitting Railes.
8 Nocking down cotton Stalks.
¼ Sick, Little Demps.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

February 18th. Cool morning and unsettled Wether, Win N. E.

9 Brakeing up Land for Corn at harts.
4 Hawling out Cotton seed for Corn.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning Logs.
5 3 Cutting Logs, 2 Spining Plough Lines.
12 Putting Chuncks to gether and Nocking down Cotton Stalks.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

Wednesday 19. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

10 Brakeing up Land for corn at harts.
4 Hawling out Cotton Seed for Corn.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning Logs.
5 3 cutting Logs, 2 Spining Plough Lines.
1 Sick, L. Marier.
10 Nocking down cotton stalks. Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

thursday 20. unsettled and warm, win N. E.

10 Listing Land in hart field for corn.
4 2 hawling cotton seed, 2 spining.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning Logs.
1 with the waggon at Eldesteno for to get it worked on.
2 Sick, L. Marier and Fanny.
13 Putting chuncks together and Fencing.

Friday 21. Light rains, Win S. W.

10 Listing Land in hart field for corn.
4 2 hawling cotton seed, 2 to Mill.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 Spining.
16 cutting and Piling cotton Stalks.
8 Roling Logs in the evening.
killed a Mutton for Mr. Jones.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

February 22. unsettled Wether, Wind S. W.

4 2 Hawling cotton seed out, 2 Spining.
2 1 Splitting Railes, 1 Sick, L. Renty.
10 Ploughs Brakeing up Land for corn.

10 8 Roling Logs, 2 burning logs.
1 To Tallahassee with 6 bales of cotton, No. 185.
7 Nocking down cotton stalks.
the waggon went by the way of Eldesteno.

Sunday 23. [un]settled, warm, Win N. W.

2 to Eldesteno to carry some things for George Jones, Esqr.
given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
waggon came holme from Eldesteno.

Monday 24. unsettled, Win N. W.

3 2 hawling Cotton Seed, 1 Spining.
2 to Mill for Meal.
9 Ploughs Listing corn Land in gin house field.
2 Laying off corn Roes, gin house field.
10 8 Roling Logs, 2 burning Logs.
8 Nocking down Cotton Stalks and Cleaning up Land and so forth.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

Tuesday 25. Fair and warm, Win N. E.

5 4 hawling out Cotton Seed, 1 Spining.
9 Ploughs Listing Corn Land, Do [sic].
2 Laing off Corn Roes in hart O. Field.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning Logs.
8 Roling Logs in Turkey field.
6 Nocking down cotton Stalks Turkey field.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.
Give B.[ig] Dick a Floging for not taking care of his harness and team.

February 26. Foggy M. warm, win N. E.

4 Hawling out Cotton Seed for Corn.
5 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning logs, 1 Spining.
2 Laying off Corn Rowes, hart O. field.
9 Listing Land for corn in gin house field.
8 Roling Logs, Putting Chuncks together and so forth.
6 Nocking down Cotton Stalks, finished.
Makeing Plough Lines at Night.

thursday 27. unsettled, warm Weth., Win N. W.

4 Hawling out Cotton Seed for Cotton.
4 1 Splitting Railes, 2 burning Logs, 1 Sewing Collar. [i. e., mule collars].
4 Laing off corn Rowes in School house field.
9 Listing corn Land in Negro house cut.
1 Stocking Ploughs and soforth.
12 Repareing Fence on the Publick Road.
Finished Listing Corn Land for this year.

Friday 28th. warm and foggy, Win. N. E. Light rain at night.

4 2 hawling out Manure, 2 to Mill.
4 1 Splitting Railes, 1 stocking Ploughs, 2 burning Logs.
4 Laying off Corn Roes in school house field.
9 Bedding cotton Land in house cut.
13 Makeing Fence and so forth.

Satterday. Light Rain, Cool M. Win, N. W. March 1st.

2 hawling Railes to finish fence.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton. No. 192.

4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 burning logs.
4 Laying off Roes in school house field.
9 Bedding cotton Land in house cut.
14 1 Sick, Lear, 13 Fencing around Road field and Ditching the Pond at the house.

Sunday March 2. Rainy Morng, Win North.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Sent a Note to George Jones, Esqr.

Monday 3. cool morning, windy, Win N. E., Frost.

4 Crossing corn Land in hart O. Field.
10 Ploughs Bedding cotton Land in house cut.
6 4 hawling, 2 Splitting Railes.
2 Picking Seed corn to Plant.
12 Ditching the Pond at the house, and cleaning Fence at harts.
Commenced Planting and Manuring Corn this Evening.

Tuesday 4th. Frost, Cool Morning, Win N. E.

4 Crossing Corn Land in hart field.
8 Ploughs Bedding cotton Land in R. field.
3 2 Splitting Railes, 1 Picking seed corn.
1 with waggon and 6 Mule team, hawling gin house timbers for Mr. J. B. Christie, he is to Pay two days work for one.
2 hawling Manure.
16 Manuring and Planting Corn in hart O. Field and School h[ouse] field.

Wednesday 5th. Light Sprink. of Rain, win S. E.

4 Ploughs Crossing corn Land in hart field.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in Road Field.
3 2 Cutting Logs, 1 Picking Seed corn.
4 Hawling out Manure.
13 Manuring and Planting Corn in school house field.
2 hands and waggon from Mr. Christies hawling out Manure, Returning work.

March 6. unsettled wether, Win S. W.

4 Ploughs Crossing Corn Land.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in Roadfield.
3 2 Cleaning up Land, 1 Picking seed corn.
4 Hawling out Manure for Cotton.
13 Manuring and Planting Corn in school H. field.
2 Hands and waggon from Mr. Christies helping hawl out manure, Returning work. Settled. Let Eldesteno have one Load of shucked Corn for Seed, 45 Bushels.

Friday 7. Rainy M, Win S. W. and N. W.

4 Ploughs Crossing Corn Land.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in car cut.
3 2 Clearing Land, 1 Picking Seed Corn.
4 Hawling out Manure.
13 Manuring and Planting Corn.

Satterday 8. Cool Wether, unsettled M. Win, N. E.

4 Ploughs Crossing corn Land in hart field.
10 Ploughs Bedding cotton Land in car cut.

5 4 Hawling out manure, 1 Picking seed corn.
15 Manuring and Planting Corn in School house and hart Fields.

Sunday 9th. Frost, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Killed a Mutton for Mr. Jones.
Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno on a visit.

Munday 10. Light frost, Win N. E.

4 Ploughs Crossing corn Land in hart field.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in car cut.
5 4 hawling out manure, 1 Picking seed corn.
14 Manuring and Planting corn.
1 Sick, Jacob.

March 11. Cool Morning and Foggy, Win N. E.

4 Hawling out Manure for cotton.
3 1 cutting Logs, 2 Sick, Simon and Frances.
5 Laying off Corn Roes.
9 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land.
1 Picking Seed Corn.
12 Cleaning up New ground untill 8 oclock, then went to manuring and Planting Corn.
Sent three Quarters of Mutton and a Pair of Ducks to Geo. Jones, Esqr.

Wednesday 12. Light frost, Win N. E., Foggy M.

5 4 Hawling out Manure, 1 Picking seed corn.
3 Sick, L. Mariah and Martha and Frances.

5 Laying off Corn Roes.
9 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in car cut.
12 Manuring and Planting Corn, hart field.

thursday 13. Cool M.[orning] Foggy, Fair and Pleas. Wind N. E.

5 4 Hawling out Manure, 1 Picking Seed Corn.
6 5 Laying off Corn Roes, 1 Sick, L. Marier.
9 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land.
14 Manuring and Planting corn.
¼, William, Sick.

Friday 14. unsettled Wether, Win South.

4 2 Hawling out Manure, 2 to Mill.
3 2 Sick, L. Mariah and Martha, 1 Picking seed corn
6 Laying off Roes for corn and Potatoes.
8 Ploughs Bedding Potatoe Land.
13 Manuring and Planting Corn.

March 15th. unsettled W., Win S. W.

6 4 hawling out manure, 2 Picking seed corn.
2 1 Sick, Martha, 1 Shearing Sheep.
4 Ploughs Laying off Corn Roes.
10 Bedding Cotton Land.
12 Manuring and Planting Corn.

Sunday 16th. Light rain, Win. N. W.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
1 Sick, Martha.
Jno. Evans went to Church.

Monday 17. cool Morn windy, Win N. W.

5 4 Hawling out manure, 1 Picking seed corn.
5 4 Laying off corn Roes, 1 Shearing Sheep.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land.
14 Manuring and Planting corn in Negro house cut. finished Planting.
10 hands Fighting fier half the day.

Tuesday 18th. Cool, windy day, Win North.

4 Hawling out Manure for Cotton.
1 Plough opening Roes for Manure.
13 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land, Turkey field.
16 Planting Potatoes, Spredding manure and soforth.

Wednesday 19th. Frost, cool, windy Weth. Win N. E.

4 Hawling out Manure for Cotton.
4 Ploughs opening and covering Manure for Cotton.
10 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land.
6 Roling Logs, Shrubing Land and soforth.
10 Spredding Manure for Cotton in Gin house Field.

March 20. Frost, Cool Morning, Win N. E.

4 Hawling out Manure for Cotton.
6 Roling Logs at harts and Cars.
5 Opening and Covering Manure.
9 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land in Turkey field.
10 Spredding Manure for Cotton.

Friday 21. Frost, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling out manure, 2 to Mill.
5 Ploughs covering Manure.
9 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land.
1 Putting up Tar kill [i. e., kiln]
15 Spredding Manure for Cotton.

Satter. 22. Cool M., Light Sprink of Rain at night, Win S. E.

4 Hawling out Manure.
14 Ploughs Splitting out Cotton Middles.
1 Stocking Ploughs.
15 Cleaning fence at cars, cleaning up Land and soforth
hindered by Fier, all hands.

Sunday 23. Fair and warm, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one Week's Rashings.

Monday 24. Cool M., Win N. E.

4 Hawling out Manure.
14 Splitting Middles for cotton.
8 Roling Logs at Cars and cleaning up Land.
8 Spredding Manure for cotton.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee on the 22 of this inst.

March 25th. Frost, Win N. E.

4 finished hawling out manure then went to hawling Railes and Cotton seed to Plant.

14 Ploughs Splitting middles and Bedding cotton land.
4 men Triming arond fence and Putting logs together.
12 finished Spredding manure, then went to Replanting Corn.

Wednesday 26. Light frost, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 cotton seed to Plant.
14 Ploughs Bedding cotton Land in Turkey cut.
2 Splitting Railes.
14 Replanting Corn in school house field and Cleaning arond Fence.

thursday 27th. dry wether, warm, win S. E.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 cotton seed to Plant.
15 8 Ploughs 4 soers, 3 to keep seed up.
Planting cotton in road field commenced.
6 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land at Cars.
9 Cleaning Fence and soforth.

Friday 28th. unsettled dry wether, Win N. E. Light Sprinkle of rain at night.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 to Mill for meal.
15 8 Ploughs, 4 Soers, 3 to keep seed up [i. e., to keep the sowers supplied with seed],
Planting Cotton in house and Car cuts.
6 Ploughs Bedding Land for cotton at Cars.
9 Cleaning Fence.

Satterday 29. unsettled, Light Sprinkle of rain, Win S. W.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 to Mill for meal.
15 Planting Cotton in car and gin house cuts.
6 Ploughs Bedding Land at Cars for Cotton.
9 Planting Rice and soforth.
Received Mr. Jones's Black horses and a Cream horse to Plough.

March 30th. unsettled W. Rain, Win S. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Sent Some butter to Eldesteno and two dozen of Eggs for George Jones, Esquire.

March 31. Light Sprinkle of rain, unsettled W, Win S. E.

4 2 Hawling Railes, 2 cotton seed to Plant.
15 8 Ploughs, 4 Soers, 3 to keep seed up.
Planting Cotton in Gin-house cut.
6 Ploughs Bedding Land at Cars for cotton.
9 Replanting corn in hart field.

April 1st. Unsettled W., Warm, Win S. E.

4 Hawling Railes and Cotton Seed to Plant.
15 8 Ploughs, 4 Soers, 3 to keep seed up.
Planting Cotton in Turkey field.
6 Ploughs Bedding Cotton Land, Cars.
9 Fencing around house cut.

Wednesday 2. Rain, unsettled, Win S. W.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 cotton seed to plant.
15 finished Planting cotton in Turkey Field at 12 oclock.

6 Ploughs bedding Land at Cars.
9 Fencing and Replanting corn.
Commenced Planting Cotton at Cars this Evening with 15 Hands.

thursday 3. unsettled wether, win N. W.

4 Hawling Railes and cotton seed to Plant.
15 Planting Cotton at Cars.
6 Ploughs Bedding Land at Cars.
9 Cleaning out stables and Righting up horse lot Fence.

April 4th. unsettled, Win S. W.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 to Mill.
6 Ploughs Bedding cotton Land at Cars, finished for this year.
15 Planting cotton at Cars. finished planting cotton except about 2 acres.
9 Cleaning out Stables making Manure.

Satter. 5th. hard washing Rain, Win S. W.

4 2 hawling Railes, 2 to Mill.
2 Ploughs Brakeing up New ground.
12 Ploughs Ploughing corn in hart o field.
16 Makeing Fence, Replanting corn and hoing corn in hart o field.

Sunday 6th. hard Rain, Win N. W.

Given out to hands one week's Rashings.
Sent a Mutton to Mr. Jones.

Monday 7. unsettled, Win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lots for manure.
16 Ploughing Corn in hart old field.
2 Ploughs Brakeing up New ground.
14 Makeing fence and Replanting the Corn that the rain washed up.

Tuesday 8th. hard washing rain, win S. W.

3 2 hawling leaves in the Lot, 1 Sick, Cate.
16 Ploughing corn in Schoolhouse field.
2 Ploughing in New ground.
12 hoing corn in hart-O-field.
1 Stocking Ploughs.
field hands hindered by rain.
Lost one Mule this Evening with Collick.

April 9th. Cool Morng, Win N. E.

15 Ploughing Corn in School H. field.
2 Ploughing in New ground.
3 2 hawling Leaves in the lot, 1 sick, Cate.
1 Stocking Ploughs.
13 hoeing corn in School H. field.

thursday 10th. unsettled Weth., Windy, Win N. E.

17 Ploughing Corn in school h. field.
2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
15 hoing Corn in school house field.

Friday 11th. cool morning, Win N. E.

17 Ploughing Corn in School House and hart fields.
2 to Mill for meal.
15 hoing Corn in school house field.

Satterday 12. Cool Morning, Wind S. E.

2 to Mill for meal.
17 Ploughing Corn in Hart field.
15 hoing Corn in school house and hart fields.
Jno. Evans left the Plantation three hours.

Sunday 13. unsettled, Win S. E.

Given out to hands one week's Rashings.
Sent a Letter to George Jones Esqr.

Monday 14. Windy day, Cool morning, Win West.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, L. Mariah.
17 Ploughing Corn in hart field.
Planted two acres of Cotton in the morning.

April 15. Cool Morning, Win N. W.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, L. Mariah.
17 Ploughing Corn in hart field, finished at too oclock, then commenced Ploughing in Gin house field.
14 Hoing Corn in hart field, coverd some Sugar Cain with the hoes in the morning.
Ben Mungin Sick half the day.

Wednesday 16. Cool morning, Windy W., Win N. W.

2 Hawling Leaves in horse Lot for manure.
3 Sick, L. Mariah and B. Peggy and Ben Mungin.
17 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
12 Hoing Corn in hart and gin house field.
Sent Mr. Jones his Black horses.

thursday 17. Light Sprinkle of rain, Win N. W.

2 hawling Leaves for Manure.
3 2 Sick, Ben Mungin and B. Peggy, 1 waiting on Peggy.
17 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
12 hoing Corn in gin house field.

Friday 18th. Cool Morning, Win N. W.

2 to mill for meal.
2 1 Sick, B. Peggy, 1 nursing Peggy.
17 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
14 hoing Corn in gin house field and setting up corn before the Ploughs.
Let Eldesteno have 19 Bushels of corn and some shucks.

April 19. unsettled Wether, Win S. W.

2 to Eldesteno to Carry Mr. Jones 15 Bushels of Corn.
17 Ploughing Corn in Gin house field and Negro house Cut.
15 Hoing Corn in gin house Field.
1 Blind Peggy, Sick.

Sunday 20. Thunder in the Eve, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Jno. Evans Sick, sent for Doctor Elliott for myself.
Sent the Mariann Mare to the Jack.

Monday 21. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

17 finished Ploughing over corn, then Ploughed the Rattoon[5] sugar Cain.
2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
15 hoeing corn in gin house field and Negro house cut.
Commenced Baring Cotton this Evening.

Teusday 22. Cool wether for the season, Win N. E.

17 Baring Cotton in Road field and house cut.
2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
15 finished hoing corn at 12 oclock, then commenced chopping cotton in Road field.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee to get him some Clothing and soforth.

Wednesday 23. unsettled and cool wether, win N. E.

2 Hawling Leavs in the Lot.
17 Baring Cotton in Car and gin house cuts.
15 Chopping Cotton in Road field.
Paid Mr. Lewis M. Saunders boy Abner 50 cents for groomage.

[5] Rattoons are a second year's growth of sugar cane, which spring from the roots of the first year's stalks.

April 24th. unsettled morning, Win N. E., Rain at Night.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot.
17 Baring Cotton in gin house Cut and Turkey field.
15 Chopping Cotton in Road field and house cut.

Friday 25. unsettled, Fine season of Rain, Win S. E.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Baring Cotton in Turkey Field and car field, Evening.
15 C[h]opping Cotton in house Cut.
Let Eldesteno have 15 Bushels of corn.
Sent three Quarters of Mutton to Eldesteno for George Jones Esquire.

Satterday 26. Cool morning, Windy, W. Win N. W.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Baring Cotton in Car Field.
15 Chopping Cotton in house cut and car cut.
Give all the hands two hours to Rest.

Sunday 27. cool morning. Fine Weth., Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno visiting.
Sent the Mare to the Jack of Saunders.

Monday 28. Fine Weth., Win N. E.

2 Hawling Leaves.
15 Chopping Cotton in Car Cut.

17 finished baring cotton at 9 oclock P. M., then commenced Ploughing Corn in hart O. field second time. Let Eldesteno have 25 Bushels of Corn.

April 29th. Fine growing wether, Win West.

2 Hawling Leaves in Stables.
17 finished Ploughing Corn in hart O field at 12 o'clock, then Commenced in school H. field, 2nd time.
15 Hoing Cain and Choping out Cotton in Car Cut.

Wednesday 30. Fair and Warm, Win S. W., hard rain at Night.

2 to Eldesteno to Carry Mr. Jones 15 Bushels of Corn and some fodder.
17 Ploughing Corn in school house field 2 time.
15 Chopping Cotton in Car Cut. Washing Rain at Night.

May 1st. Rainy Morng, unsettled W., Win N. W.

2 to Mill for Meal, Never Received Any.
17 Ploughing Corn 2 time in School H. field.
15 Choping out Cotton in Gin House Cut.
Field Hands hinderd from work three hours in the Morning by Rain.
One Hand Part of the day setting up corn that the Rain had washed down.

Friday 2. Cool Wether, Win N. E.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Ploughing Corn 2 time in school House field.

15 Chopping out Cotton in gin house Cut.
2 hands hinderd working on the Road through the field.
Killed a beef to give the Negroes a diner with.

Satterday 3. Cool Morning, Win N. E., Rain at Night.

Give the People today to Rest and Give them a diner.
Give the hands theare summer Clothing, Given out by George Jones Esqr.

May 4th. hard washing Rain in the morning, Win N. W. Rainy day.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Sent the Mariann Mare to the Jack at Mr. Lewis M. Saunders's.
Light Hale in the Evening.

Monday 5. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
17 Ploughing Corn in school house field, finished at 9 oclock, then commenced in hart field 2 time.
15 Chopping out Cotton in Gin House Cut.
1 hand until 9 oclock going around fields cutting trees off the fence that the win had blown across yesterday Evening.
Let Eldesteno have 27 Bushels of Corn.
Give Big Dick a Floging for disobeying orders.

Tuesday 6th. Cool morng, win N. E.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
17 Ploughing Corn 2 time in hart field.
15 Chopping out Cotton in gin house cut.
Sent Mr. Jones 5 Chickens and some butter by his servant Butler.

Wednes. 7. Cool morng., Wind N. E.

2 Hawling Leaves in Lot.
17 Ploughing Corn 2 time in Hart and gin house field.
15 Chopping out Cotton in gin house cut, finished at three oclock, then hoed the rice and Potatoes.

May 8th. unsettled wether, Light sprinkle rain Win S. E.

2 Hawling Leaves in to the Lot.
17 Ploughing Corn in Gin House Field.
15 Chopping out Cotton in Car Field.

Friday 9th. Cool Morning, East.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Ploughing Corn in gin House Field 2 time.
15 Choping out Cotton in Car Field.

Satterday 10th. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Ploughing Corn in gin house Field 2 time.
15 Choping out Cotton in Car Field.

Sunday 11th. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
John Evans at Chemoonie.
Dr'g [i. e., doctoring] Sick Mule all day.

Monday 12. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

17 Ploughing Corn in Negro house cut 2 time.
2 Hawling Cain stalks in the Lot for manure.
15 Choping out Cotton in Car Field.
finish Ploughing over corn the second time, at 4 oclock A. M. [error for P. M.?] then went to Ploughing Potatoes.

Tuesday 13th. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

2 Hawling Cain stalks in the Lot for manure.
17 Ploughing sugar cain and Rebedded the Potatoe Land and then commenced Ploughing Cotton in Road field at Eleven oclock.
14 finished Choping out Cotton at cars at 2 oclock, then Commenced in Turkey field.
1 Sick, Cate.

May 14th. Fair and warm, Win N. E. Dry Wether.

2 to Eldesteno to Carry Mr. Jones 15 bushels of Corn and a top Load of fodder.
17 Ploughs Runing around Cotton with sweeps.
14 Choping Cotton in Turkey Field.

1 Sick, Cate, with Pains.
Chemoonic have furnished Eldesteno with 176 Bushels of corn up to this date.

Thursday 15th. fair and warm, win N. W.

2 Hawling Cain Stalks in the Lot for Manure.
17 Ploughs Runing around Cotton.
15 Choping out Cotton in Turkey Field.

Friday 16th. unsettled W., Win East.

2 to Mill for Meal.
17 Ploughs Runing around cotton and splitting cotton middles.
15 Choping out Cotton in Turkey field.
finished Cleaning Peas. Cleaned 84 bushels.
Doctoring Sick Mule all Night.

Satterday 17. Fair and Warm, Win N. W.

2 Hawling Cain Stalks in the hog Pen.
16 Ploughs splitting Cotton Middles.
16 Choping out Cotton in Turkey field.
1 hand Part of the day Replanting rice. Lost one of the young black Mules, Pomp.

Sunday 18th. Fair and Warm, Win N. W.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Let Ansler take L. Peggy to Eldesteno with him to marry her.
Sent the Cart to Mr. Tompsons Plantation to by some Poaltry for Mr. George Jones.

May 19th. Light sprinkle of rain in the Evening, Win N. W.

2 Hawling Cain Stalks in the hog Pen.
1 To New Port to Carry the Last Load of Cotton, 7 bales.
10 Splitting Cotton Middles in house and car Cut.
21 finished Choping out Cotton at 9 oclock, then commenced in Road field 2 time.

Teusday 20. Warm Weth, dry, Win N. W.

3 2 Hawling Cain stalks, 1 Sick, L. Marier.
1 on the Road with the waggon.
10 Splitting Cotton Middles in Car Cut.
20 hoing Cotton in Road field and house cut 2 time.

Wednesday 29. warm and dry, Win S. W.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot for manure.
1 on the Road with the waggon.
10 Ploughs Splitting Cotton Middles in Car and Gin house Cuts.
21 Suckering Corn in hart o field and School house field, also Choping out the Bushes and weeds out of corn.
Commenced hoing cotton at three oclock in the Afternoon again in house cut.

thursday 22. warm, W. unsettled, morning, Win S. W.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot for manure.
1 on the Road with the waggon.

10 Ploughs Splitting Cotton middles in gin house cut.
21 Hoing Cotton in Car Cut 2 time.
waggon Came holme at sun set from New Port.

May 23, Fair and dry wether, Win S. W.

2 to Mill for Meal.
16 Ploughs Splitting Cotton middles in gin house cut.
16 Hoing Cotton in Car Cut and gin house cut 2 time.

Satterday 24. Fair and dry, hot wether, Win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot.
16 Ploughing Cotton at Cars.
16 hoing Cotton in gin house cut 2 time.

Sunday 25th. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
1 to Eldesteno to Carry a Letter to George Jones, Esquire.

Monday 26. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
16 Ploughing Cotton at Cars.
16 hoing Cotton in gin house cut, finished, then Commenced Suckering Corn. Sent the Cart to Eldesteno to carry some things for Mr. Jones, such as a bale of Cloth and 5 turn Ploughs.

Teusday 27. Fair and dry, Win East.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
16 Ploughing Cotton at Cars and Turkey field.

15 Suckering Corn, hoeing rice and cotton and cars.
1 Sick, Juno.
Sent for Doct. Randolph to Come and see Cate in Labour.

May 28th. Fair and dry, hot Wether, Win East.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 Sick, Prophet and Juner.
1 Confind, Cate, with a female Child.
1 Coocking in Bettys Place, betty attending to Cate.
16 Sideling Cotton in Turkey field.
12 Hoing Cotton at Cars 2 time.
Received a visit from Dr. Randolph to Cate, he Never Prescribed any thing.

thursday 29. hot and dry wether, Win East.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 Sick, Prophet and Juner.
1 Confind, Cate.
1 Coocking in Bettys Place.
16 Ploughing Corn in hart old field 3 time.
1 Soing Peas in hart O field.
11 hoing Cotton at Cars 2 time.

Friday 30th. hot and dry Wether, Win N. E., thunder in the Evening.

2 to Mill for Meal.
2 1 Confind, Cate, 1 Coocking in Bettys Place.
1 Soing Peas at harts and school house.
16 Ploughing Corn in hart old field.
13 hoing Cotton at Cars, finished, then Commenced in Turkey Field.

Satterday 31. hot wether, Verry dry, Win East.

2 to Mill for Meal.
2 1 Confind, Cate, 1 Coocking in bettys Place.
1 Soing Peas in school house field.
16 Ploughing Corn in school house field.
13 hoing Cotton in Turkey field 2 time.
Rachel Sick ½ the day with Fever.
Give the Field hands three hours of Sun to Rest and wash theair Clothes.

June 1. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 2. unsettled Evening, dry wether, Win N. E.

2 Sick, Sinder and Rachel.
2 1 Confind Cate, 1 Coocking for hands.
2 Hawling Leaves.
16 Ploughing Corn in school h. field.
12 hoing Cotton in Turkey field 2 time.

Teusday 3. unsettled dry, Win S. W. Unsettled Evening, thunder.

3 1 Sick, Sinder, 2 Hawling Leaves.
2 1 Confind, Cate, 1 Coocking in bettys Place.
16 Ploughing Corn in school house field, and Ploughing out Cotton middles in Turkey field.
13 Hoing Cotton in Turkey Field 2 time.
finished hoing over the Cotton the second time.
hoed the Potatoes.

Wednesday 4. Fair and hot, Verry dry, Win S. W.

3 1 Sick, biner, 2 hawling Leaves.
2 Confind, Cate and Martha.
1 Coocking in Bettys Place, betty attending on Martha.
16 Ploughing out Cotton Middles in Turkey field.
12 Hoing Cotton 3 time in Road field.

thursday 5th. unsettled Eveg, hot and dry Wether, Win N. W.

3 1 Sick, biner, 2 Confind, Cate and Martha.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Coocking for hands.
16 Ploughs splitting Cotton middles in Turkey field.
12 hoing Cotton 3 time in Road field and house Cut.

June 6th. warm and dry Wether, Win S. W.

3¼ 1, Fanny, ¼, L. Joe Sick, 2 Confind.
3 2 to Mill for meal, 1 Coocking.
2 Cutting Oats in Pond Cut.
15 Ploughing Cotton in Road field.
11 Hoing Cotton in house cut and Cart Cut 3 time, also hoed the Sugar Cain.
Lost one mule today by the Name of Charles, with Colick.

Satterday 7th. unsettled Wether, Win N. W.

3¼ 1 Fanny, ¼ L. Joe Sick, 2 Confind, Cate and Martha.
3 2 to Mill for meal, 1 Coocking.
2 Cutting oats in Pond Cut.

15 Ploughing Corn in hart field 3[rd. time].
3 droping Peas in do do.
8 Hoing Cotton in Car Cut 3 time.

Sunday 8th. unsettled W, Win N. W.

3 2 Confind, 1 Sick, L. Sucky.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 9th. Fair and dry, hot wether, Win N. W.

4 2 Cutting Oats, 2 Hawling oats.
2 Confind, Cate and martha.
15 Ploughing Corn at harts 3 time.
2 dropping Peas.
11 hoing Cotton and Fighting Fier at Car Place.
Let Eldesteno have 20 Bushels of Cow Peas.
Takeing up oats in the Evening with hoe hands.

Tuesday 10th. thunder, wanting rain, dry wether, Win S. W.

4 2 Cutting oats, 2 hawling oats.
3 2 Confind, Cate and Martha, 1 Coocking for hands.
1 Soing Peas in gin house field.
15 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
11 hoing Cotton 3 time in gin house cut.

Wednesday 11. thunder, hot and dry, Win S. W.

4 2 Cutting oats, 2 Hawling oats.
3 2 Confind, 1 Coocking for hands.

1 Soing Peas in gin house field.
15 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
11 hoing Cotton in gin house cut and Takeing up oats in the Evening.

thursday 12. thunder, hot wether, win S. W.

4 2 Cutting oats, 2 hawling oats.
2 Confind, Cate and Martha.
1 Soing Peas in gin house field.
15 Ploughing Corn in gin house field.
12 hoing Cotton in gin house cut and Takeing up oats in the Evening.

Friday 13th. unsettled Evening, win N. W.

4 2 Cutting Oats, 2 to Mill for meal.
2 confind, Cate and Martha.
1 Soing Peas in gin house field.
15 Ploughing Corn in gin house field 3 time.
12 hoing Cotton in gin house cut and car field, and Takeing up oats in the Evening at Cars.
1 Confind to day at twelve oclock, Long Mariah, with a male child.

June 14th, a good season of Rain in the evening, Win N. E.

3 Confind, Cate, Martha and L. Mariah.
1 attending on Mariah, O[ld] betty.
Give the hands to day to Rest and wash theair clothes.

Sunday 15. unsettled wether, win S. E. S. Latter.

3 Confind, Cate, Martha and L. Mariah.
1 attending on Mariah, O. betty.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
one horse sick with Staggers.

Monday 16th, Light rain in the Evening, sevear win, Win N. E.

3 Confind, Cate, Martha and L. Mariah.
2 Hawling Oats from Pond Cut.
14 Ploughing Corn in gin house and Negro house cuts.
15 hoing Cotton at Cars half the day and Rakeing up Potatoe Ridges in the afternoon.
2 Hands going around fields after the win was over Cutting off Trees that the win had blown across the fence.
Doct. Sick Horse for Staggers.

Teusday 17th. unsettled, cool Evening, win N. E.

3 Confind, Cate, Martha and L. Mariah.
2 Hawling Oats from car Place.
14 finished Ploughing Corn at 12 oclock, then Commenced Ploughing cotton house cut.
15 hoing Corn at harts, 2 time.
Sent a Letter to Mr. Jones.
The horse Jerry died at Night with Staggers.

June 18th. Cool and windy, Rain at Night, Win N. E.

3 Confind, Cate, Martha and L. Mariah.
14 Ploughing Cotton in house and car cut.
2 Hawling Oats from Car Place.
15 Hoing Corn in hart and school house fields.

thursday 19th. Cool and windy and Light Sprinkle of rain. Win N. E.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
3 2 Hawling Oats, 1 Spining, Cate.
14 Ploughing Cotton half the day.
15 Hoing Corn half the day,
field hands hinderd. Setting out Potatoe drawers ½ the day.
1 Child Sick, L. Cate, with fever.

Friday 20. Light rain, Win N. E.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
3 2 Hawling Leaves, 1 Spining.
14 Ploughing Cotton in Car Cut.
15 Hoing Corn in gin house field.

Satterday 21. hard Rain, win S. W.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
3 1 Spining, 2 to Mill for Meal.
14 Ploughing Cotton in gin house cut.
15 finished hoing Corn in Negro house cut, then went to Cars hoing cotton.

Sunday 22. hard rain, win S. W.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
1 Sick, braboy. [i. e., Braveboy]
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Jno. Evans, Sick. Sent for Dr. Eliott for Myself.

June 23d. Rain hard, win S. E., hard rain at Night.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
3 1 Spining, 2 to Mill for Meal.
14 Ploughing Cotton in gin house Field.
14 Hoing Cotton at Cars 3d time.
1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
Let Mr. Whatley[6] have the Sorrel Colt to Ride so as he can Plough his horse. Give Jacob a Floging for telling Lies. hands hinderd 3 hours by rain.

Teusday 24th. Light Sprinkle of Rain, Win S. W.

2 Confind, Martha and L. Mariah.
4 1 Spining, 1 Sick, B. Mungin, 2 hawling Leaves.
14 Ploughing Cotton in gin house Cut.
14 Hoing Cotton at Cars 3d time.

Wednesday 25. thunder, warm W, win North.

2 Confind Martha and L. Mariah.
3 1 Spining, 2 hawling Leaves.
14 Ploughing Cotton at Cars, sideling it.
15 hoing Cotton at Cars and in Turkey field 3 time.
Jno. Evans Went to Eldesteno.

[6] Presumably the overseer on El Destino.

thursday 26. Rain in the Evening, win North.

2 1 Confind L. Mariah, 1 Spining, Martha.
3¼ 2 hawling Leaves, 1¼ Sick, Lear, ¼ L. Sarah.
14 Sideling Cotton at Cars and Road field.
15 hoeing Cotton in Turkey field 3d time.
Caroline and O[ld] billy Sick half the day.
field hands hinderd by Rain too hours.

Friday 27th. unsettled Wether, thunder, win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Spining.
4 Sick, O. billy, Sinder, Caroline and Lear.
14 Ploughing Cotton in Road Field.
14 hoeing Cotton 3d time in Turkey Field.
¼ L. Sarah, Sick.

Satterday 28th. unsettled Wether, win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Spining.
2 to Mill for Meal.
14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles at cars.
16 hoing Cotton 3 time in Turkey field.

Sunday 29. Fair and warm, Win N. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Sick, Simon, with a Rising on his knee.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
1 in jail for Skinning her mule, Caroline.

Monday 30. hard rain, Win S. W.

2 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Spining.
3 1 Sick, Simon, 2 to mill for Meal.
14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles at cars.
15 hoeing Cotton in Turkey field, 3d time.
finished hoeing all the cotton over the third time.
hands hinderd by rain.

Tuesday 1. July 1st, thunder, warm Wether, Win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Spining.
4 2 Sick, Simon and Rachel, 2 hawling Leaves.
14 Sideling Cotton in Turkey field.
14 hoeing Cotton in Road field 4th time.
Sent Abram to Tallahassee to Carry a Letter to George Jones Esqr.

July 2d. Light Sprinkle of rain, win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 Spining.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, Rachel.
14 Ploughing Cotton in house Cut.
15 hoing cotton at Car Place 4th time.

thursday 3d. Light shower of Rain, win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 hoing Potatoes.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, O. Abram.
14 Sideling Cotton in Car Cut.
15 hoeing the Rice and Cotton in gin house cut.

Friday 4th. Fair and warm, win S. W.

2 1 Confind, L. Mariah, 1 hoeing Potatoes.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, O. Abram.
14 Sideling Cotton in Car Cut and Ploughing the Sugar Cain.
15 hoeing Cotton in gin house Cut 4th time.
¼ L. Peby Sick with Fever.

Satterday 5th. Light rain in the Eveng, win S. W.

2 hoeing Potatoes, L, Mariah and Martha.
2 to Mill for Meal.
14 Splitting Cotton Middles in Turkey Cut.
16 hoeing Cotton in gin house Cut 4 time.
¼ Pheby, Sick.

Sunday 6th. thunder, win S. W.

1 in Jail Ben Mungin, for stealing.
Nurse Peggys Oakry.
given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

July 7th. thunder, very warm, win S. W.

2 hoeing Potatoes, Martha and L Mariah.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 getting whit[e] oak for Baskets.
14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles in Turkey field.
15 hoeing Cotton in gin house cut 4th time, and hoeing the Sugar Cain Crop.

Tuesday 8th. Light Sprinkle of Rain in the Evening, Win S. W.

2 Hoeing Potatoes.
3 2 hawling whiteoak for Baskets, 1 cuting oak.
14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles in Turkey field.
15 Stripping Seed Oats at Cars.

Wednesday 9th. warm wether, thunder, Win S. W. Rain at Night.

2 hoeing Potatoes.
2 hawling holme seed Oats from cars.
14 Ploughing out Middles in car Cut.
16 hoeing sugar Cain and Cotton in house cut.

thursday 10. Hard Rain in the Evening Win S. W.

14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles in car Cut and Sideling Cotton in g[in] h[ouse] c[ut].
2 Hoeing Potatoes. 1 Makeing baskets.
18 hoeing Cotton in house Cut 4th time.
Field hands hinderd by Rain.

Friday 11th. Hard Rain in the afternoon Win S. W.

14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles in gin h. cut.
3 2 to Mill. 1 hoeing Potatoes.
17 hoeing Cotton 4 time in car Cut.
½ Sick, Frances.

Satterday 12th. Light rains Win S. E.

3 2 to Mill. 1 hoeing Potatoes.
14 Ploughing out Cotton Middles.
16 Cleaning up Lot, Makeing Manure.
1 Fixing Peggys garden.

July 13th. unsettled Wether, win West.

Rec'd the Sorrel Colt baldy from Eldesteno.
Given out to hands one weeks rashings.
Jno. Evans Went to Preaching [i. e., to church].

Monday 14. unsettled Evening, Win N. E.

3 2 hawling holme seed oats, 1 hoeing potatoes.
1 getting boards to fix Peggys garden.
14 Ploughing Cotton and Potatoes.
16 Stripping Seed Oats at Cars.

Tuesday 15th. Fair wether, win N. E.

3 2 hawling holme seed oats, 1 hoing Potatoes.
14 Ploughing Cotton at Cars.
17 hoeing Cotton in Turkey Cut 4th time.

Wednesday 16. Fair Wether, Win N. E.

2 1 Sick, O. betty, 1 coocking in her place.
14 Ploughing Cotton at Cars.
19 hoing Cotton in Turkey field 4th time.

thursday 17. warm W., win North.

2 1 Sick, O. betty, 1 coocking in her place.
13 Ploughing Cotton in car and Road fields.
18 hoeing Cotton in Turkey field 4th time.
1 Doctoring Sick Mule all day.
Lost the mule in the Evening with Collick.

July 18th. warm W., win South.

2 1 Sick, O betty, 1 Coocking in her place.
13 Ploughing Cotton in Road field.
19 hoeing cotton in car field 4th time.

Satterday 19. warm W, win West.

3 2 to Mill for Meal, 1 Sick, Minder.
13 Ploughing Cotton in house Cut.
18 hoeing Cotton at Cars 4 time.
finished hoeing all the cotton over the 4th time.

Sunday 20th, thunder, Win N. W.

1 Sick, Minder.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 21st, thunder, warm Wether, Win S. W.

8 working [on] Publick Road.
12 Ploughing Cotton in house and Car Cut.
14 hoeing one Cut of Cotton at Cars 5th time.

Teusday 22. warm and dry Wether, Win N. W.

8 Working on publick Road.
12 Ploughing Cotton in Car Cut.
14 hoeing Cotton in Road field 5th time.

Wednesday 23. warm dry, Win East.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot.
12 Ploughing Cotton in car cuts.
19 hoeing cotton in house and car cuts, Fifth time.
1½ sick, Sinder, and ½, L. Dick.

July 24th. thunder, unsettled Evening, Win S. E.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot.
1 hewing out some timbers for gin house.
12 Ploughing Cotton in gin house cut.
19 hoeing Cotton 5th time in car cut.

Friday 25th. thunder, a Fine season, of Rain, Eve, Light hail, Win N. E.

3 Sick, O. billy, L. Peggy and Sinder a little indisposed.
3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 getting Post for gin house.
12 hoeing Cotton in gin house cut 5th time.
12 Ploughing Cotton in gin house cut.
Field hands hinderd 2 hours by rain.

Satterday 26. Fair and warm, Win N. E.

4 2 Sick, O. billy and L. Peggy, 2 hawling Leaves.
12 Ploughing Cotton in gin house Cut.
18 Rakeing up Potatoes in the Morning and hoeing Cotton in gin house cut.

Sunday 27. Fair and Warm, win North.

2 Sick, O. billy and L. Peggy and Boston.
given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 28. Fair and warm, win N. W.

2 to Mill for Meal.
12 Ploughing Cotton in Turkey field.
20 hoeing Cotton in ginhouse Cut 5th time.
Commenced Pulling Fodder this Evening.

Teusday 29. rain hard, warm, fine season, win N. W.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 sick, Nathan.
9 Ploughing Cotton in Turkey field.
22 Pulling Fodder in hart O. field and school house field.
4 Children sick.
give the driver a Floging for disobeying my orders.

July 30th. hard rain, Win S. W.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, Nathan.
9 Ploughing Cotton in Turkey field.

22 Pulling Fodder in hart, school house field.
4 Children Sick.
¼ L[ittle] Isaac half the day.

Thursday 31. hard rain, Win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves.
2½ Sick, Nathan and Ben Mungin, L[ittle] Joe and Matiler.
9 Ploughing Cotton in Turkey field.
21 takeing up Fodder in the Morning and Pulling fodder in the school house field in the Evening.

August 1. unsettled, win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot for Manure.
2¼ Sick, Nathan, B. Mungin ¼, Matiler.
9 Ploughing Cotton in Turkey field.
21 Takeing up some Fodder this morning, and Stacking and Pulling Fodder in School house and hart fields.

Satterday 2. Light sprinkle of rain, win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot for Manure.
1 To Tallahassee R. R. Depot for a Cask of bacon.
3 Nathan, Biner, Matiler, Isaac, L. Joe Sick.
28 2 Stacking fodder, 26 Pulling and Takeing up fodder.

Sunday 3d. Rain, win S. W.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

4 Sick, Nathan, Biner, Sinde, Matiler, Isaac, L. Joe, and Wallice, also 5 Children Sick.

August 4. unsettled wether, Win South.

2 to Mill for Meal.

3 Sick, Sinder, biner, Matiler, Wallice.

2 Stacking fodder in school house field.

27 Pulling Fodder in hart field and Takeing up fodder in school h. F.

6 Children sick.

Lost one child today, by the Name of Cudy.

Teusday 5. hard rain in the afternoon, win S. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot

5 Sick, Sinder, L. Mariah, Minder, Matiler and Wallice, also 6 Children.

27 Pulling and Takeing up fodder.

Field Hands hinderd 2 hours by rain.

Wednesday. Fair and warm Weth, win N. W.

2 Hawling Leaves in the lot.

5 Sinder, L. Mariah., B. Mariah, Minder, Juner, demps and 2 Children Sick.

27 Pulling Fodder in gin house field and Takeing up and Stacking fodder in hart field.

Thursday 7. Rain in the afternoon, win N. W.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
5 Sick, Sinder, L. Marier, B. Marier, Minder, Juner, and Demps and 2 Children.
27 Takeing up foder and Pulling [fodder] in gin h. field.
Give Jim a Deacent Floging for Tusling against the driver.

Friday 8th. thunder, warm wether, win N. W.

2 hawling Leaves in the Lot.
1¼ B. Marier, Demps and 2 Children sick.
31 finished Pulling Fodder this morning, Takeing up Fodder, and Cleaning out the quarters.

Satterday 9th. thunder, Fair and warm, Win N. W.

Give the hands today to Rest and killed a small beef and gave them Dinner, also give them a little Bacon and Some Syrup to goe with it.

Sunday 10. Light rain, Win S. W.

Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
2 Children sick.
1 Sick, B. Marier.

Monday 11. unsettled Evening, Win S. W.

2 to Mill for Meal.
2 Sick, Fanny and Esaw.

6 Men hawling and putting Post under gin house and soforth.
24 Takeing up the Last of the fodder and Cleaning out the gin house and yards and soforth.
1 Runaway, England, for Rascality.

August 12th. Fair and warm, Win North.

2 Hawling Leaves in the Lot.
2 Sick, Fanny and Esaw.
6 Men working about gin house.
24 Picking Cotton, Commenced this day.
1 Runaway, England.

Wednesday 13. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 Sick, Jacob and Esaw.
2 Working about gin house.
28 Picking Cotton.
1 Runaway, England.
1 to Doctor Turnbulls Mill for a Load of Lumber.

thursday 14th. Light Sprinkle of rain, win west.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 sick, Esaw and Florer.
1 working about gin house and so forth.
29 Picking Cotton.
1 Runaway, England.
4 Men belting[7] Pine trees at the car Place where I am going to Clear.

[7] See glossary.

Friday 15th. hard rain in the Evening, win N. W.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Sick, Florer.
2 Wetherboarding Lint-room.
4 Men belting Pines at Car place.
25 Picking Cotton.
1 Runaway, England.

Satterday 16. hard washing Rain, win N. W.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 working on gin house.
4 Men Cleaning Land at Cars.
26 Cleaning out the stables, Makeing Manure.
1 Runaway, England.
Sent Abram to town with a Letter.
Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno.

August 17. hard washing rain, Win N. W.

1 Runaway, England.
Given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
1 Confind, B. Mariah with a Male Child.
Betty attending on her.

Monday 18th. Rain and unsettled wether, win West.

3 2 to Mill, 1 Coocking in bettys place.
3 getting Leavers for Screw.[8]
1 Confind, B. Mariah.
2 gining Cotton Commenced today.
25 Cleaning up the Lot, Makeing Manure.
Rec'd Samuel from Eldesteno to Fix my Screw. I
Sent Simon in his place to Return the work back.
1 Runaway, England.

[8] See glossary.

Teusday 19th. hard rain, win S. W.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Coocking for hands.
3 1 Confind, B. Mariah, 2 gining Cotton.
3 getting Timbers for Screw and hawling them home.
1 Runaway, England.
25 Picking Cotton at Car place.

Wednesday 20, Fair and hot, Win South.

3 2 hawling Leaves, 1 Coocking for hands.
3 1 Confind, 2 Sick, Martha and Juner.
2 Framing Timbers for Screw.
25 Picking Cotton finished the first time.
1 Runaway, England.

August 21. hard washing rain in the Eve, win South, sevear win.

3 1 Confind, B. Mariah, 2 sick, Juner and Martha.
5 1 Coocking, 4 hawling Corn from harts.
4 Putting Leavers on Screw, finished.
22 Picking Cotton and Makeing Manure after the rain, Cotton too wet.
2 gining Cotton Part of the day.
1 Runaway, England.

Friday 22. hard rain at Night, win S. E.

3 1 Confind, B. Mariah, 2 Sick, O. Sucky and Juner.
1 Coocking for hands in bettys place.

4 3 hawling Corn. 1 Runaway, England.
2 Putting Folerwer block[9] to screw.
25 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 23. Rainy and blustering wether, win S. E. and S. W. A Sevear Storm in the afternoon and all Night which done a great deal of damage.

2 1 Confind, b. Marier, 1 Sick, O. Sucky.
1 Coocking for hands, betty waiting on Mariah.
4 3 hawling Corn, 1 Runaway, England.
6 Packing Cotton part of the day.
22 Shelling Corn and Rakeing up Manure. Sent Samuel back to Eldesteno.

Sunday 24. unsettled wether, win S. W.

given out to hands one weeks Rashings. All hands putting up Fences that the win had blown down.
1 England brought holme by Mr. B. Hodges. I Floged him and put him back to driving.[10]
2 Sick, O. Sucky and Juner.

August 25th. unsettled Weth, Rain in the Evening, Win North.

3 1 Confind, Mariah, O. billy Sucky and Juner Sick.
2 putting up Fodder Stack that the wind had blown.
9 working on Publick Road.
1 Suning Cotton, and nocking it about.
19 Picking Cotton, hinderd by rain.

[9] Follower block, the lid of the cotton baling-press.

[10] See glossary.

Teusday 26. hard washing rain in the afternoon. Win N. W.

3 1 Confind, B. Mariah, O. billy and Juner Sick.
4 2 Restacking fodder, 2 hawling Leaves.
1 Suning Cotton and stiring it about.
9 working on publick Road.
18 Picking Cotton hinderd by rain.

Wednesday 27. Rain in the afternoon, Win N. W.

3 1 Confind, b. Mariah, Juner, L. Joe and L. Dick, Sick.
4 2 Restacking Fodder, 2 hawling Leaves.
2 Suning and Stiring the Cotton about.
9 working on publick road, finished.
16 Picking Cotton in the Morning and hanging up Corn in the Evening that the Storm had blown down.
3 Children Sick.

thursday 28. unsettled Wether, Win N. W.

4 1 Confind, Cate, Juner, Joe and William Sick.
4 2 Restacking Fodder, 2 hawling Leaves.
3 2 gining Part of the day, 1 Suning Cotton.
2 Cutting logs in the Quarters.
2 Cutting a Road out to get to Mill.
19 hanging up Corn that the storm had blown down.
3 Children Sick.

August 29. Fair, Cool Morning, Win East.

3 1 Confind, 2 to Mill for Meal.
3 Cate, Sinder, L. Dick, Joe and William sick.
4 2 Restacking fodder, 2 hauling Leaves.
5 3 Cutting up Trees in the Quarters, 2 gining.
2 Suning Cotton and Nocking the dirt out of it.
17 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 30. Cool Morning Win East.

3 1 Confind, 2 to Mill for Meal.
2 Sick, Cate and Sinder and William.
4 2 Restacking foder, 2 hawling Leaves.
5 2 Cutting a Road to Car field, 2 Suning Cotton.
20 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 31. Fair Cool Morning, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, B. Mariah, 2 Sick Cate and Sinder.
2 boys Sick in the Evening, braboy and William.
Given out to hands one weeks rashings.
Jno. Evans went to Church.

Monday 1. Septr. 1. Fair and warm, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, b. Mariah, 2 hawling Leaves.
3 2 gining Cotton, 1 Covering seed house.
2 Working the Road through the Plantation.
2 Sick ben Mungin, Braboy and William.
24 Picking Cotton, 2 Children Sick.
Lost one Mule today with Stagers.

Teusday 2. Fair and warm, win East.

3 1 Confind, 2 hawling Leaves.
4 ben Mungin, Lucky, Poldo, braboy and L[ittle] Sucky sick.
3 2 working Roads, 1 Covering seed house.
2 gining Cotton, 4 Children Sick.
22 gathering house Cut Corn finished at 12 oclock, then went to Picking Cotton.

Septr. 3 Unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, 2 hawling Leaves.
3 Mungin, Lucky, Poldo, L. Sucky sick.
2 1 Working on seed house, 1 Cutting rice.
4 2 gining Cotton, 2 hawling Fodder.
22 Picking Cotton.
2 Children Sick.

thursday 4th. Cool Morning, Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, 2 tying[11] and hawling Rice.
3 Sick, Mungin, Sucky and Poldo.
2 1 Working on waggon boddy, 1 Cutting rice.
4 2 gining Cotton, 2 to Mill for Meal.
22 Picking Cotton.

Friday 5th. Cool Morning unsettled day. Windy Weth. Win N. E.

3 1 Confind, 2 tying and hawling rice.
3 2 Sick, Mungin and Sucky. 1 Suning Cotton.

[11] Tying the rice into sheaves. This was customarily done after the cut stalks, laid on the stubble, had dried for a day.

6 Packing Cotton.
2 Gining Cotton.
20 Picking Cotton.
Doctering Sick Mule 3 hours.

Satterday 6. Fair Cool Morning Win N. W.

3 1 Confind, b. Mariah, 2 hawling Fodder.
3 2 Sick, Lear and Mungin, 1 Suning Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton.
27 Picking Cotton.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee.

Sunday 7. Light rain, Cool Morn, Win West.

3 1 Confind, 2 Sick Lear and Mungin.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Septr. 8th. unsetled warm Wether, Win N. W.

2 1 Spining. 1 Sick, ben Mungin.
4 2 gining. 2 to Mill for Meal.
3 2 hawling Fodder. 1 working on waggon body.
25 Picking Cotton.
Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno.

Teusday 9th. Light Sprinkle of rain in the afternoon Win N. E.

4 1 Spining. 2 gining. 1 Jobing about.
3 Sick, ben Mungin, Lear and biner.
4 Hawling Fodder and Cotton from field at Night from Car place.
23 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 10. light sprinkle of rain, Win East.

4 1 Spining. 2 gining, 1 at Job work.
2 Sick, Lear and Biner with fever.
2 Hawling Fodder and cotton from field.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton No. 14.
25 Picking Cotton.

Thursday 11. unsettled Wether, Win East.

4 1 Spining. 2 gining. 1 bilding a house for the Northern Pigs.
4 Hawling fodder and Cotton in the Eve'g.
26 Picking Cotton.

Friday 12. warm and dry, Cool Morning Win N. E.

4 1 Spining. 2 gining. 1 Jobing about.
4 Hawling Fodder and Cotton in the Evening from fields.
2 Sick, Juner, braboy and Matiler.
24 Picking Cotton.

Septr. 13th. Cool morning hot and dry Weth. Win N. E.

4 2 gining. 1 Spining. 1 Jobing about.
4 Hawling Fodder and Cotton from fields.
2 Sick Juner and Matiler and one Child.
24 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 14th. Cool Morning, warm and dry, Win East.

1 Sick, Juner and 2 Children.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 15. Windy Wether, unsettled cool Morning, Win N. E.

4 2 gining. 2 to Mill for Meal.
3 2 Hawling Fodder. 1 Working on house for the Northern Pigs.
27 Picking Cotton at Car place finished Picking over the second time.
1 Demps got his Arm and hand Cut in the gin. Sent for Dr. Randolf to Come and Cut it off. Received a visit from Dr. Gamble, he Came and cut of[f] Demps Arm.

Teusday 16th. windy Wether, unsetled Cool Win N. E.

4 2 gining. 2 Hawling Fodder.
6 Packing Cotton half the day then Went to Picking.
1 Nursing Demps. Demps with a sore arm.
23 Picking Cotton.
give Jacob a deacent floging about the gin. he Put Demps to gining, how Come him to get his Arm Cut. Also Floged Dick for Skining his Mules.

Septr. 17. Windy and Cool Wether, Win N. E.

4 Hawling Fodder.
3 2 gining. 1 Nursing Demps.
2 1 Sick, Juner. 1 Jobing about getting timber.
25 Picking Cotton. .
Sent a letter to Tallahassee for Mr. Jones. Received a visit from Dr. Gamble to Demps.
one Child, Amy, Sick With fever.

thursday 18. Cool morning, Windy W. Win N. E.

4 2 hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
1 To Eldesteno for Rope with Waggon.
2 Sick, Juner and L. Marier.
1 Makeing Coffin and Soforth.
26 25 Picking Cotton. 1 Nursing Sick. 1 Child died today at ten o'clock today (Amey).
2 Children Sick.

Friday 19. unsetled, Cool Windy Wether, Win N. E.

4 2 gining Cotton. 2 hawling Fodder.
6 Picking Cotton.
2 Sick, L. Marier and Juner.
22 21 Picking Cotton. 1 Nursing Sick.
Rec'd a Visit from Dr. Gamble to demps.

Satterday 20. unsetled Cool Morning, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton No. 21.
2 Sick, L. Marier and Juner.
27 26 Picking Cotton. 1 Nursing Sick. Rec'd a Visit from Dr. Gamble.

Sunday 21. unsetled, Win N. E.

2 Sick L. Mariah and Juner.
given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
Rec'd a Visit from Dr. Gamble to demps.

Septr. 22. unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

6 4 hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
1 Nursing Demps.
1 Beating out Rice.
26 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 23. unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

6 4 hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
2 1 Nursing. 1 threshing out Rice.
26 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 24. hard Rain in the afternoon, Win N. E.

6 4 hawling fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee to Carry Demps to Dr. Gamble, the Drs. orders.
27 Picking Cotton, hinderd by rain.

Thursday 25. unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

4 2 hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
7 to Eldesteno for baging and rope.
1 Laying Crib Floor.
28 Pulling Corn in hart O. field and school house field.

Friday 26. Fair and Cool morning, Win N. E.

4 2 Hawling Fodder. 2 gining Cotton.
6 Packing Cotton.
24 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 27. Cool morning, Win S. E.

4 2 gining Cotton. 2 hawling Lightwood for tar Kiln.
1 Putting up Tar Kiln and Jobing about.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 28.
27 Picking Cotton.
1 Sick, Poldo.

Septr. 28. Cool day, Win S. E.

Given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
1 Sick, Poldo.

Monday 29. Cool Wether, Win N. E.

8 Hawling Corn from hart Place.
2 gining Cotton.
24 Picking Cotton

Teusday 30. Cool Wether, Win N. E.

8 hawling Corn out of Schoolhouse field.
2 gining Cotton.
24 Picking Cotton

Octr. 1. Cool W. Win N. E.

8 hawling Corn.
2 gining Cotton. 1 to Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 35.
24 Picking Cotton.

Thursday 2. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

8 hawling Corn out of school house field.
2 gining Cotton.
24 Picking Cotton.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee.

Friday 3. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

8 hawling Corn.
2 gining Cotton.
6 Cutting Hay.
18 17 Picking Cotton. 1 Sick, Lear.

Satterday 4. Fair and dry Wether, Win N. E.

6 2 gining Cotton. 4 hawling Corn.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 42.
6 Cutting hay.
21 Pulling Corn in school house field.

Octr. 5th. unsetled Morning Win, East.

1 Sick, Lear.
Given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.

Monday 6. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

6 Packing Cotton.
6 2 gining Cotton. 4 hawling Corn.
22 21 Picking Cotton. 1 Sick, Rose.
Jno. Evans left the Plantation.

Teusday 7. unsetled Wether, Win North.

10 8 hawling Corn. 2 gining Cotton.
1 Working on screw[12] and soforth.
1 Sick, Rose, with fever.
22 Picking Cotton Slowly.

Wednesday 8. unsetled Wether, Win East a Few drops of Rain in the afternoon.

10 8 hawling Corn. 2 gining Cotton.
1 getting timbers to mend the Screw.
2 Sick, Rose and Cate.
20 Picking Cotton Slowly.
1 To Eldesteno in Samuels Place for Samuel to Come and fix the Screw. Received Samuel at night.

thursday 9th. Fair and dry, Win East.

10 8 hawling Corn, 2 gining Cotton.
2 getting Timbers for screw.
1 Sick Cate.
21 Picking Cotton.
Jno. Evans Went to Tallahassee to by 4 Mules for the use of Chamoonie.

Octr. 10. Fair and dry, Win East.

10 8 hawling Corn, 2 Working on screw.
1 To help Mr. Christie Raise his gin house.
23 Picking Cotton.

[12] See glossary.

Satterday 11. Fair and dry, Win N. E.

10 8 Hawling in Corn. 2 Working on Screw.
1 Sick, Mariann.
20 Pulling Corn in gin house field.

Sunday 12. Fair, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one weeks rashings.
2 Sick, Mariann and biner, with fever.

Monday 13. hard rain in the Ev. Rainy afternoon. Win S. E.

6 4 hawling Corn, 2 Sick Mariann and biner.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 49.
4 2 gining Cotton. 2 Working on Screw.
23 Picking Cotton ½ the day, rainy Evening, Received Demps back from Tallahassee.

Teusday 14. Rainy Nearly all day. Light Win East.

11 8 hawling Corn. 3 Sick, biner, Mariann and L. Betty.
2 Working on Screw.
21 Pulling Corn in gin house and hart fields, hands hinderd by rain.

Wednes. 15. unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

10 8 Hawling Corn. 2 Working on Screw.
5 Sick, L. Marier, Mariann, Mungin, Fanny and L. Betty.

19 Picking Cotton.
Sent Samuel back to Eldesteno. Sent a letter to Tallahassee for George Jones Esqr.
Jno. Evans Sick.

Octr. 16th. unsetled Wether, Win N. E.

12 Hawling Corn.
5 3 Sick, L. Marier, Fanny and Mungin. 2 Working on Screw.
17 Picking Cotton.
Jno. Evans sick.

Friday 17. Cloudy and unsettled Wether, Win N. E.

14 12 Hawling Corn, 2 working on screw.
2 Sick, Mariah and Molly.
18 Picking Cotton.
Let William Nutall[13] have the Mariann Mare to goe to Georgia for Mules.

Satterday 18. unsettled, Win South.

14 12 Hawling Corn, 2 working on screw.
2 gining Cotton.
18 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 19. Cool Morng, Win East.

given out to hands one weeks rashings.
John Evans Sick.

[13] William Nuttall, a slave. See Introduction, section VI.

Monday 20. unsettled, win S. W.

10 8 hawling Corn, 2 gining Cotton.
6 Packing Cotton.
18 Pulling Corn in hart field.
Jno. Evans went to Tallahassee to Pay Chemoonie Taxes.

Teusday 21. Fair and Warm, Win N. W.

10 8 Hawling Corn, 2 gining Cotton.
6 Packing Cotton and soforth.
1¼ Sick, Sinder and Matiller.
17 Picking Cow Peas for seed, hawling Peas holme in the Evening.

Octr. 22. Fair and Warm, Win N. W.

10 8 Hawling Corn, 2 getting boards.
1¼ Sick, Sinder and Matiler.
23 Picking seed, Cow Peas.
hawling holme Peas in the Evening.

thursday 23. Cool Wether, Win N. E.

10 8 Hawling Corn, 2 getting boards.
24 Picking seed Peas, Picked 6931 lbs.
Hawling holme Peas in the Evening.

Friday 24. Cool wether, win N. E.

10 8 hawling Corn, 2 geting boards.
24 Picking Cotton.
Give B. Dick a Floging for Not attending to his Mules.

Satterday 25. Cool morning, Win N. E.

4 hawling hay and boards.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, no. 56.
29 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 26. Rain in the morning, unsettled day, Win N. E.

1 Sick, old billy, and one Child.
given out to hands one Weeks Rashings, Chemoonie, Jno. Evans at holme.

Monday 27. Frost, Cool Wether, Win N. E.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 Hawling Leaves.
1 Sick, old billy and one child.
2 working on syrup house and stacking hay.

Octr. 28th. Light Frost, Win North.

4 2 hawling Leaves, 2 gining Cotton.
3 2 Covering the sugar house, 1 Sick, o. billy.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 63.
26 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 29. unsettled Wether, Win S. W.

4 2 Hawling Leaves, 2 gining Cotton.
3 2 Covering house, 1 To Eldesteno for Nailes.
27 Picking Cotton.

thursday 30. Rain in the morning, Win S. W.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 hawling Leaves.
4 2 working on house, 2 Sick, Juner and Caroline.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 70.
25 Picking Cotton, hinderd by rain.

Friday 31. Fair wether, Win S. W.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 hawling timbers.
2 Working on Syrup house.
28 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 1. Nov. 1st. Fair Wether. Win S. E.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 hawling Leavs.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 77.
29 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 2. thunder and Rain. Win N. W.

given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
2 Children Sick.

Nov. 3d. Cool morning, Win N. W.

4 2 Gining Cotton, 2 Working on house.
2 Hawling Leaves, 2 Children Sicks.
1 to Mill for Meal.
27 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 4th. Light frost, Win N. W.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 working on furnace.
2 Hawling Leaves, 2 children sick.
1 Sick, Cate with Fever.
27 Picking Cotton.

Wednes. 5. Cool Morng, Light Frost, Win N. W.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 working on furnace.
1 Sick, Cate, 2 Children Sick.
28 Picking Cotton.
1 To Eldesteno, old ben, to see his Grand son Samuel die.

thursday 6th. Cool Wether, Windy, Win N. E.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 Jobing about.
1 To Mill for Meal.
27 Saveing Seed Cain.
1 old ben came back from Eldesteno at 12 oclock from Samuels berring [i. e., burying].

Friday 7th. Frost, Cool day, Win N. E.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 Putting Folering block[14] on screw.
2 hawling Leaves, 2 Children Sick.
28 Picking Cotton.
Sent old Abram to Tallahassee for Letters.

[14]Following block, the lid of the cotton baling-press.

Nov. 8th. 1851. Killing Frost, Cool Wether, Win N. E.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 working on screw.
2 hawling Leaves, 2 Children Sick.
28 Picking Cotton.
Swaped work with Mr. Christie with one hand.

Sunday 9th. Frost Light, Win N. E.

1 To El Desteno for bagging and rope.
Given out to hands one weeks rashings.
Give Jacob a Floging for Not attending to the Mules.
Jno. Evans went to El Desteno.

Monday 10. Fair and Warm, Win N. E.

2 Working on Screw.
2 Cutting out the road Leading to El Desteno.
30 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 11. Cool morng, Win N. E.

6 Packing Cotton.
3 2 gining Cotton, 1 Sick, Peggy.
25 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 12. Cool and Clowdy wether, Win N. E.

8 6 Packing Cotton, 2 gining Cotton.
2 Sick, L. Peggy and Caroline.
24 Picking Cotton.

Thursday 13. Cool Morning, Clowdy and unsettled. Win South.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 Sick, L. Peggy and Car[oline].
2 working on Sugar Mill.
1 getting Light wood[15] for sugar furnace.
26 Picking Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton. No. 84 bales.

Nov. 15th. hard rain in the Evening, Win North.

4 2 gining Cotton, 2 working on sugar Mill.
1 To Mill for Meal.
1 Sick, L. Marier.
28 Picking Cotton, hinderd by rain.

Satterday 16. unsettled and Cool, Win North.

4 2 gining, 1 to Mill, 1 sick, L. Marier.
1 getting Light wood for sugar furnace.
1 Hooping barrels and soforth.
28 Diging Potatoes.

Sunday 17. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

Given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
Sent J. W. Whatley a little Tartaremetic and ippecac.

[15] Sce glossary.

Monday 18. Light frost, Win N. E.

4 2 gining, 2 Jobing about Barrels and soforth.
2 Hawling Potatoes and soforth.
28 finished diging Potatoes, then Commenced Stripping Sugar Cain.

Teusday 19. Light frost, Win N. E.

2 gining half the day and grinding Cain.
2 Banking Potatoes and soforth.
4 hawling Sugar Cain.
2 Hawling Lightwood for furnace.
24 Stripping Cain.
Commenced Makeing Syrup at Night, grinding all night.

Nov. 20th. Cool morning, Win N. E.

5 grinding and Makeing Syrup.
4 Hawling Cain.
25 finished Stripping Cain, then coverd the Seed Cain and then went to Picking Cotton.
1 Commenced Makeing the Mens and boys winter Clothing (old Sucky).

thursday 21. hard rain in the Eveng., Win South.

5 grinding and Makeing Syrup.
4 Hawling Cain.
1 Makeing winter Clothes for boys and Men.
24 Picking Cotton.
Makeing Syrup all Night.

Friday 22. Cool, windy Wether, Win S. W.

5 grinding and Makeing Syrup.
4 Hawling Cain and Lightwood.
1 Makeing Clothing.
1 Makeing Well Bucket.
23 22 Picking Cotton, 1 Sick, Ben Mungin.
Makeing syrup all Night.

Satterday 23. Frost, Cool Morning, Win N. E.

5 grinding and Makeing Syrup.
4 hawling Cain and Lightwood.
2 1 Makeing Clothing, 1 Sick, ben Mungin.
11 Jobing about Barrels.
22 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 24. Cool morning, Win S. W.

given out to hands one weeks rashings.
1 To El Desteno to Carry Mr. Jones a Mutton.

Nov. 25th. Cool M. Rainy day, Win N. E.

5 Grinding Cain and Makeing Syrup.
4 Hawling Cain and lightwood.
2 1 Makeing Clothing, 1 work at Barrels.
2 Cutting Lightwood half the day.
21 Rakeing up Manure and soforth.
field hands hinderd by Rain.

Teusday 26. unsettled and Cool wether, win N. E.

5 Grinding and Makeing Syrup.
2 Hawling Lightwood for furnace.
1 Makeing Clothing.
26 Cleaning out Stable, Makeing Manure.
¼ Sick, Pheby.
Makeing Syrup all Night.

Wednesday 27. White frost, Win North.

5 grinding and Makeing Syrup.
2 1 getting Lightwood and 1 hawling do.
2 1 Makeing Clothing, 1 Makeing waggon boddy.
25 Picking Cotton at Cars.
finished Makeing Syrup at Night.
killed one hog weighing 80 lb., for myself.

thursday 28. Rainy day, Win North.

3 2 gining Cotton, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 working on waggon boddy, 1 mending gear.
29 Picked a little Cotton and shelled Corn.
Rain two hard to work out of doors.

Friday 29. Rainy day.

3 2 gining. 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 working on waggon boddy, 1 to Mill.
29 6 Packing Cotton in the evening. 23 Rakeing up the Lot while it was not Raining.

Nov. 29th. Cloudy and unsettled, Win N. E.

3 2 gining Part of the day, 1 Makeing Clothes.
7 6 Packing Cotton, 1 to Mill.
24 Cleaning Land at Cars.

Sunday 30. Rain half the day, Win N. W.

1 Sick, Florer.
given out to hands one Weeks Rashings.
Loded the waggon with Cotton bales in the afternoon.

Monday 1, Dec. unsettled and Cool Wether, Win N. W.

2 Suning Cotton, 1 Makeing Clothing.
1 to Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton. No. 91.
1 Sick, Florer.
30 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 2. Cool and Clowdy Wether, Win N. W.

2 1 Suning Cotton, 1 Makeing Clothing.
1 Sick, Florer.
1 working on waggon boddy.
30 Picking Cotton.
hawled a Screw Pin for Mr. Christie, he is to return the work.

Wednesday 3. Cool and Fair, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 working on waggon boddy, 1 Sick, Florer.
1 To El Destino for salt.
28 Picking Cotton.

Decr. 4th. Frost, Cool Wether, Win N. E.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 working on waggon, 1 Sick, Florer.
1 Hawling Cain fodder in the Lot.
28 Picking Cotton.

Friday 5. Frost, Win N. E.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 to help Christie Raise his Screw.[16]
2 1 Sick, Florer. 1 hawling Cain fodder.
26 Picking Cotton.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 98.

Satter 6. Cool Morning, Win N. E.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
1 Working on ox Cart.
2 1 Sick, Florer, 1 hawling Cain fodder.
1 to Mill for Meal.
27 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 7. Warm, Win N.

1 Sick with Pneumonia, Florer.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 8. Fair, Win N.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 Sick, Florer, 1 hawling Cain Fodder.

[16] See glossary.

1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales Cotton, No. 105.
26 Picking Cotton.
2 Splitting Railes at Cars.

Decr. 9th. Fair and Warm, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
2 1 Sick, Florer, 1 hawling Cain Fodder.
2 Sick, L. Marier and Simon.
2 Splitting Railes.
25 Picking Cotton.

Wedns. 10. Fair and warm, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
3 2 Splitting Railes, 1 hawling Cain fodder.
3 Sick, Florer, L. Marier and Simon.
25 Picking Cotton.

thursday 11. unsettled Wether, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
4 3 Splitting Railes, 1 hawling Cain fodder.
1 Sick, Florer with Pneumonia.
26 Picking Cotton.

Friday 12. unsettled, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
4 3 Splitting Railes, 1 hawling Cain fodder.
1 To Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton, No. 112.
1 Sick, Florer, with Pneumonia.
25 Picking Cotton.

Satterday 13. Light splinkle of rain, unsetled Weth, Win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 Makeing Clothing.
4 3 Splitting Railes, 1 hawling Cain fodder.
1 Sick, Florer.
26 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 14. unsettled wether, win N. W.

1 Sick, Florer.
given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Jno. Evans went to Eldesteno.

Decr. 15. Cool wether, win N. W.

3 2 gining, 1 working on waggon wheel.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 hawling Railes.
27 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 16. Cool, Frost, Win N. E.

3 2 gining, 1 working on waggon wheel.
1 Sick with Rising Breast, B. Marier.
30 killing 21 hed of hogs and Picking Cotton.
2 Part of the day Ridling guts [i. e., cleaning hog entrails].

Wednesday 17. Cold and Sleety wether, Win N.

3 2 gining, 1 Sick, B. Marier.
1 Drying up Lard. [i. e., trying out lard].
30 Shelling Corn and Packed a Little Cotton.
wether to sevear to work out.

thurs. 18. Cool and Icy, Win N.

3 2 gining, 1 Sick, B. Marier.
2 1 drying up Lard, 1 working on wheel.
4 3 Splitting Railes, 1 to Mill for Meal.
25 Clearing Land at Car Place.

Friday 19. Cool wether, win N. E., Icy W.

3 2 gining, 1 Sick, B. Marier.
1 Putting up Tar kill and soforth.
4 3 Splitting Railes, 1 to Mill for Meal.
26 Cleaning Land and Fence at Cars.
Cant Pick Cotton on the account of so much ice.

Satterday 20. big Frost, Win N. E.

1 to Tallahassee with 7 bales of Cotton. No. 119.
3 2 gining Cotton. 1 Sick, B. Marier.
2 thrashing out Oats and attending to Tar kill.
3 Splitting Railes.
25 Picking Cotton.

Decr. 21. Cool, Light Frost, Rain at night, Win S. E.

1 Sick, Abram.
given out to hands 3 days allowance.

Monday 22. Rainy Morning, bad Wether, Win S. W.

2 Sick, Abram and Biner.
2 hawling Railes at Cars.
2 working on Packing Screw.

2 gining Cotton.
26 Shelling Corn while it was Raining and Picking Cotton after the Rain was over.

Teusday 23. Cloudy Morning, Cool, Win N. E.

2 Sick, Abram and Biner.
3 2 Hawling Cain Fodder, 1 to Mill.
2 getting timbers to Fix Screw.
2 gining and suning Cotton.
25 Picking Cotton.
Cant Pack Cotton, Screw broke.

Wednesday 24. Cool morning, Win N. E.

1 Sick, Abram.
5 2 hawling, 5 working about screw.
2 ginning and suning Cotton.
26 Picking Cotton.
Give the hands two hours in the afternoon and gave them 2 lbs. of Pork a peace for Chrismas.

thursday 25. Fair and warm, win N. E.

1 Sick, Abram.
Christmast, Noe work done Except tending to Stock.

Dec 26th. hard rain in the Morning, win South.

1 Sick, Abram.
tending to Stock.
Give the hands today.

Satter. 27. Cloudy morning, win N. E.

1 Sick, Abram.
attending to Stock.
Let one of the boys goe to Tallahassee to by for the Black People.

Sunday. Rain and unsettled wether, win N. E.

1 Sick, Old Abram.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.
Last day of Holidays.

Monday 29. Clowdy Morning, Win East.

1 Sick, Old Abram.
4 2 Splitting Railes and 2 hawling Railes at Cars.
5 2 gining and suning Cotton, 3 working on screw.
23 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 30. unsettled Wether, win S. E., hard rain at Night.

1 Sick, Old Abram.
4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 hawling Railes at Cars.
3 2 gining and Suning Cotton, 1 Jobing about.
1 To El Desteno for bagging and Rope.
25 Picking Cotton.
Sent 2 goats to El Desteno for Breeders, to Jessy W. Whatley, Overseer.

Decr. 31st. Rain in the Morning, unsettled Wether, Win S. W.

4 2 Splitting Railes, 2 hawling Railes at Cars.
2 gining and Suning Cotton.
2 Working on Packing Screw.
2 Hawling Cain fodder in Lot and soforth.
24 Cleaning Land at harts for oats.
B. Mariers Child died this Morning.

CHEMONIE TABULATIONS FOR 1851[1]

LAND TO BE CULTIVATED IN 1851

Corn Fields.

Negro house cut	20	acres
hart Field	65	"
School house field	70	"
Hart O. Field	30	"
Gin House Field	100	"
	305	" in corn.

Cotton Fields.

Car Field	75	acres
Road Field	50	"
House cut	30	"
Car cut	96	"
Gin House Cut	100	"
Turkey Field	100	"
	451	" in cotton.

Oats Fields.

Pond cut	25	acres
Car Place	50	"
	75	" in oats

[1] These tabulations are entered at the back of the MS. volume which contains the Chemonie journal of 1851.

Sugar Cain, Potatoes and Rice.

Rattoon Cain	3 acres
Cain Planted	4 "
Potatoes	7 "
Rice	1 "
	15 "
	305 "
	451 "
	771 acres

for 32 hands, 24 acres to the hand and 42½ acres to the Mule, counting 18 Plough team.

JNO. EVANS,
Overseer.

SUMMER CLOTHING GIVEN OUT TO MEN AND BOYS, MAY 3, 1851

Driver England	6	yds.	O. Abram	6	yds.
Foreman Jacob	6	"	C. Renty	6	"
Simon	6	"	O. billy	6	"
Sesar	6	"	L. Jim	6	"
Prophet	6	"	Nathan	5½	"
O. ben	6	"	Esaw	5½	"
Ben Mungin	6	"	L. Dick	5	"
L. Renty	6	"	Frances	5	"
B. Dick	6	"	Poldo	5	"
Cubet	6	"	braboy	4¾	"

L. Joe	4¼ yds.	Wallice	4½ yds.
Isaac	4½ "	Demps	3½ "
William	4½ "		
			135½

SUMMER CLOTHING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS,
MAY 3, [1851]

Lear	7	Lucky	6
L. Marier	7	Fanny	6
L. Fillis	7	O. Betty	6
O. Sucky	7	Minder	6
Rose	6	N. Peggy	6
Sinder	6	B. Peggy	6
Cate	6	L. Betty	5
Florer	6	L. Sarah	4½
B. Marier	6	Juner	5
L. Peggy	6	Caroline	5½
Molly	6	Mariann	5½
Rachel	6	L. Sucky	5
Martha	6	Pheby	4
Biner	6	Matiler	3
Sarah	6		
			167½

CHILDREN THAT DREW SUMMER CLOTHING,
MAY 3, 1851

Amy	2	yds.	Lucy	3	yds.
Boston	3	"	Sofa	2	"
Syke	3	"	Frank	2½	"
Martha	3	"			

Frinah	2	yds.	Aby	3	
2 yds. more, Lost		Cloth.	George	2	
Rosannah	2	"	Mary	2	
Lymus	2	"	Cate	2¼	
Ishmael	3	"	Rinah	2	
Yorks	2	"	Eave	1½	
Patience	2	"	Ned	1½	
ginny	2	"	Ellick	1½	
Robert	2	"	Y. Rachel	1½	
Doll	2	"	Deanah	½	
Florida	2		Amos	1½	
S. Robert	2½		Tom	1½	
Tiner	2				

WINTER CLOTHING GIVEN OUT TO MEN AND BOYS, NOV. 18, 1851

Pants and Jackets.

England	6	yds.	l. Jim	6	yds.
Jacob	6	"	Nathan	6	"
Simon	6	"	Esaw	5½	"
Sesar	6	"	l. Dick	5	"
Prophet	6	"	Frances	5	"
O. ben	6	"	Poldo	5	"
B. Mungin	6	"	braboy	4¾	"
L. Renty	6	"	l. Joe	4½	"
B. Dick	6	"	Isaac	4½	"
Cubet	6	"	William	4½	"
O. Abram	6	"	Wallice	4¼	"
O. billy	6	"	Demps	3½	"
				130½	

WINTER CLOTHING GIVEN OUT TO WOMEN AND GIRLS, NOV. 18, 1851

Frocks.

Lear	7	yds.	Lucky	6	yds.
L. Marier	7	"	O. betty	6	"
L. Fillis	7	"	Minder	6	"
O. Sucky	7	"	N. Peggy	6	"
Rose	6	"	B. Peggy	6	"
Sinder	6	"	L. Betty	5	"
Cate	6	"	L. Sarah	4½	"
Florer	6	"	Juner	5	"
B. Marier	6	"	Caroline	5½	"
l. Peggy	6	"	Mariann	5½	"
Molly	6	"	L. Sucky	5	"
Rachel	6	"	Pheby	4	"
Martha	6	"	Matiler	3	"
Biner	6	"		167½	
Sarah	6	"		130½	
Fanny	6	"		298	

CHILDREN THAT DREW WINTER CLOTHING NOV. 28, [1851]

Boston	3	Lymus	2
Syke	3	Ishmael	3
L. Martha	3	York	2
Lucy	3	Patience	2
Sofa	2	Ginny	2
Frank	2½	Y. Robert	2
Frinah	2	Doll	2
Rosannah	2		

Florida	2	Eave	1½
L. Robert	2¾	Ned	1½
Tener	2	Ellick	1½
Aby	3	Y. Rachel	1½
George	2	Deanah	1½
Mary	2	Amos	1½
Cate	2¼	Tom	1½
Rinah	2		
			64

WINTER SHOES GIVEN OUT OCT. 30TH, 1851

L. Renty	L. Marier	Wallice
Frances	Cubet	l. Dick
Ishmael	Florer	Rose
Matiler	O. betty	N Peggy
Esaw	B. Sarah	Jim
Jacob	Fanny	Lucky
l. Betty	L. Peggy	B. Dick
Braboy	L. Fillis	Sesar
Simon	B. Mariah	William
Juner	Joe	England
O. billy	Martha	Molly
O. ben	Isaac	Sinder
O. Sucky	Minder	Nathan
Lear	Mariann	Prophet
Ben Mungin	Cate	Poldo
L. Sucky	O. Abram	Biner
Demps	B. Peggy	Pheby
Caroline	Rachel	Boston
l. Sarah		55 drew shoes.

MEAT ALLOWANCE FOR ONE WEEK, MEN AND BOYS

Driver England	3	lbs.	L. Jim	2½	lbs.
Foreman Jacob	2½	"	Nathan	2½	
Simon	2½	"	Esaw	2½	
Sesar	2½	"	L. Dick	1¾	
Prophet	2½	"	Frances	1¾	
O. ben	2½	"	Poldo	1¾	
Ben Mungin	2½	"	braboy	1½	
L. Renty	2½	"	L. Joe	1½	
B. Dick	2½	"	Isaac	1½	
Cubet	2½	"	Wallice	1½	
O. Abram	2½	"	Demps	1½	
O. billy	2½	"			
				50¾	

the Small Children drew syrup.

MEAT ALLOWANCE FOR ONE WEEK FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Lear	2½	Rachel	2½
L. Mariah	2½	Martha	2½
L. Fillis	2½	Biner	2½
O. Betty	2½		
Rose	2½	B. Sarah	2½
Sinder	2½	Lucky	2½
Cate	2½	Fanny	2½
Florer	2½	Minder	2½
B. Mariah	2½	N. Peggy	2½
L. Peggy	2½	B. Peggy	2½
Molly	2½	L. Betty	1¾

L. Sarah	1½	Matiler	1½
Juner	1¾	L. Sucky	1½
Caroline	2½	Pheby	1½
Mariann	2½		
			64½

WEIGHTS OF HOGS KILLED IN 1851, DECR. 16TH

No.	Wt. in pounds	No.	Wt. in pounds	No.	Wt. in pounds
1	84	17	150	32	88
2	108	18	110	33	75
3	150	19	146	34	84
4	87	20	134	35	105
5	116	21	116	36	72
6	116	22	120	37	122
7	132	23	103	38	90
8	114	24	95	39	82
9	116	25	90	40	103
10	106	26	65	41	130
11	70	27	110	42	90
12	96	28	64	43	80
13	124	29	112	44	120
14	140	30	120	45	73
15	134	31	202	46	105
16	134				

1256

[killed at other times] 3727

4983

4226

757

CORN AND FODDER MADE IN 1851

Saved 24 double Stacks of Fodder. Gatherd 400 bushels of Corn off of Negro house Cut average 20 bushels.
Corn gatherd out of hart O[ld] field, 372 bush.
Corn gathered out of school house field 1245 bus.
Corn gatherd out of hart field 1530 bus.
Corn gatherd out of gin house field 1450 bus.
Made 4997 bushels of Corn for the year 1851.

CASH ACCOUNT

August 24. Paid one dollar for the ketching of England. Paid it to one of Mrs. Chairs Negro Men.
Sept. 9th. Paid 75 cts. for a cotton book.
Octr. 9th. Paid out $470. for 4 Kentucky Mules.
Received a Draft from Mr. Jones to by Mules with, to the amount of Five hundred dollars.
December 11th, Paid Mr. Jas. W. Cook Fifty Cts. for a little Smiths work.
Decr. 1st. Paid Mr. D. R. Hull of Tallahassee Six dollars for a Spanish Saddle for the waggon.
December 23d, Paid Mr. Nathan Holt Eight Dollars for a sow and Six Pigs for Chemoonie Plantation.

BIRTHS ON THE PLANTATION IN 1851

Florer was confind this morning with a male Child, Jany. 27, 1851.
May 28th, Cate was delivered of a Female Child this morning.

June 4th, Martha was delivered of a male child at 12 oclock today.

June 13th, Long Mariah was deliverd of a male Child today at twelve oclock.

August 17th, B. Mariah was delivered of a male child this morning.

DEATHS ON THE PLANTATION IN 1851

August 4th, Catherine, a child departed this life today at 2 oclock.

Sept. 18th, one Child Departed this life today at ten Oclock; by the name of Amy.

December 31. B. Mariers Child Billy died this morning.

ARTICLES THAT I RECEIVED ON THE PLANTATION IN 1851

Jany. 12th, Received 6 Pr. Trace chains by the way of Eldesteno.

Jany. 18th, Rec'd from Lewis and Ames of Tallahassee, one lb. of Flax seed, ½ lb. of cream of Tarter, ¼ lb. of Jalap and 60 grs. of Squills, also one gallon of Castor oil.

Jany. 16th, Rec'd 3 boxes of Dents Pills and some Starch from George Jones Esqr.

Jany. 23, Received some Cotton Cloth for Back Bands and

horse collars also a Peace of woolen cloth for the small Field hands, from George Jones Esqr.

Jany. 26, Rec'd 6 scooter Ploughs, three axes and one Bush knife and one Bottle of Vinegar and Nailes and Eight turn ploughs.

Jany. 29th, Rec'd a wrench for the Road waggon from Mr. Willsons shop, Tallahassee.

Jany 29th, Rec'd 6 solid sweeps from Mr. Geo. Jones.

Feby. 9th, Rec'd from Lewis and Ames of Tallahassee one small roll of blistering salve and one doz. bottles of Fahenstock's Vermifuge and one Bottle of spts. of hartshorn.

Feby. 14th, Rec'd 6 weding hoes and 6 Pair of hames and some woolen Cloth, for the small girls to finis theair winter clothes, also 4 shovel ploughs from Mr. Jones.

Frbruary 15, Received from Mr. Argile of Tallahassee three Sacks of Salt and 2 hanks of twine.

Feby. 16th, Rec'd from Eldesteno 2 meal Bags of Cotton and one Bottle of Vinegar and Iron.

Feby. 19th, Rec'd from Mr. Jones a Part of a box of Tobacco, for to trade among the Negroes for Eggs, and soforth.

Feby. 24th, Received from Mr. George Jones 12 Plough Ploints [i. e., points] and a Side of Leather for plough Hame Strings, also ten yards of cotton osnaburgs for back band collars.

March 5th, Received some paper from Mr. Jones for use of Plantation.

March 14th, Due Mr. George Jones $13-28½¢ [crossed off, marked settled].

April 1st, Received from Eldesteno one Pair of Pigs, 4 scuter [i. e., scooter] Ploughs and 5 Pair of hames.

April 18th, Received one bale of Cotton Cloth and 18 Plough Points from Eldesteno.

April 17th, Received one Bottle of Spts. of Campher from George Jones Esquire.

April 25, Received from Mr. Jones 1 pint of Laudanum, 1 lb. of alum, 1 lb. of Salt Petre, 1 lb. of asafoetida and 1 lb. of Coperas for Chemonie.

April 28th, Received from George Jones Esqr. one Bottle of Sands sarsapariler.

May 6th, Received one Plad Lock [i. e., padlock] from George Jones Esqr. for the corn crib.

May 14th, Received two Bottles of Mustard from George Jones Esqr.

May 14th, Received 4 Rufedge Plank 20 feet long from Dr. Turnbulls mill.

May 22, Received 2 Casks of bacon, and 2 sacks of Salt, one bale of Cotton Osnaburgs, one Sack of Corn, and half dozen Stocked Turn Ploughs, and one galon of Castor-oil, from New-Port Florida. Also one Letter directed to George Jones Esqr.

May 26, Received one old syke Crade [i. e., scythe cradle?] and a little blue vitriol from Eldesteno, also 12 Corn Sacks.

May 31st, Received Mr. Jones sun's Poney Horse to take care of.

June 4th, Received one once [i. e., ounce] of Quinine and one lb. of Saleratus from Lewis and Ames, Tallahassee.

June 29th, Received 12 wide Shovel cast Ploughs from Eldesteno, 9 in. wide.

August 2d, Rec'd one Cask of bacon from Tallahassee Rail R. Depot.

August 13th, Received a load of wether boarding from Dr. Turnbulls mill.

Sept. 6th, Received 4 barrels of Pork from the Rail R. Depot and the 10[th] I Received 4 more, 8 barrels of Pork in all.

Septr. 18th, Received 8 Coils of Rope from Eldesteno.

Septr. 25th, Received 10 bolts of baging and one Coil of rope and 2 hanks of twine from Eldesteno Plantation.

Octr. 2d, Received 2 Drafts from Geo. Jones Esqr. one for $500. and the other for 80 dollars. [Written across the face of this item are the words, "Paid Back"]

Octr. 29th. Received 1 keg of Eight Penny Nailes, and 55 Pair of brogans from Eldesteno.

Nov. 6th, Received 2 Shoulders of bacon from Eldesteno for My Self to Eat.

Nov. 9th, Received 8 bolts of bagging and one Coil of rope from Eldesteno.

Nov. 11th, Received the winter clothing from El Desteno for Chemoonie hands.

Nov. 28th, Received a small bag of Cotton seed and a little more Woollen Cloth to finish the winter clothing, from George Jones Esqr.

Dec. 3rd, Received 7 Sacks of Salt and 2 iron wedges from El Desteno.

December 30th, Received 5 Peaces of bagging and one Coil and a haf of Rope and 2 Staples and a hasp from El Desteno.

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JANUARY 1—AUGUST 13, 1856[1]

Jany. 1st. 1856. Fair, wind N. E.

4 2 to stock. 2 working on house.
1 sewing for hands.
2 hawling in cain fodder.
28 Clearing Land.

Wednesday 2. Rain, wind N. E.

4 2 to stock. 2 working on house.
1 sewing for hands.
2 hawling in cain fodder.
28 Picking Cotton.

January 3d. Rain, wind N. E.

4 2 to stock. 2 working on chimney.
1 soeing oats and hawling cain fodder.
1 soing for hands.
27 2 thrashing out oats. 27 Clearing Land.
Let Mr. J. D. F. Houck have two kids to raise from.

Friday 4. Rain, Cool, Wind N. E.

4 2 to stock. 2 working about house.
1 soeing oats.
1 Soeing for hands.

[1] Written by the overseers: John Evans, January 1-21; A. R. McCall, January 22-June 27; Benjamin S. McCall, July 3-August 13.

2 thrashing out oats.
27 Clearing Land. 6 ploughing in oats.

Satterday 5. unsetled, cool, wind N. E.

4 2 to stock. 2 working about house.
1 Soeing Oats.
1 Soing [for] hands.
7 Ploughing in oats.
22 Picking Cotton.

Sunday 6. Cool, Wind N. E.

2 to stock.
1 to her Master, Sally.
John Evans went to church.

Monday 7. Cool, Wind N. E.

3 2 to stock. 1 Stocking ploughs.
2 Soeing oats. 1 Soing for hands.
7 Ploughing in Oats.
24 Picking Cotton.

Teusday 8. unsetled, Wind N. E.

3 2 to stock. 1 Stocking ploughs.
2 1 Soing oats. 1 Soing for hands.
7 Ploughing in oats.
24 Picking Cotton.

Wednes. 9. Cool, Wind N. E.

3 2 to stock. 1 Stocking ploughs.
2 1 Soing oats. 1 for hands.

7 Ploughing in Oats.
24 Picking Cotton.
J. Evans went to Tallahassee.

Jany. 10th. Cool Wether, Wind N. E.

3 2 to stock. 1 stocking ploughs.
2 Gining Cotton.
1 Soeing for hands.
30 Killed 27 hogs and salted them and then went to Picking Cotton.

Friday 11th. Cold and Rainy, Ice, Wind N. E.

3 2 to stock. 1 stocking Ploughs.
2 Gining Cotton. 1 soeing for hands.
1 drying up Lard.
30 Shelling Corn. Rained so much untill the hands could not work out.

Satterday 12. Cool and unsetled, Wind N.

3 2 to stock. 1 stocking ploughs.
2 1 soing for hands. 1 drying up Lard.
1 to Mill to Eldesteno.
36 Clearing up Land at Cars. Cleaning fence and so-forth.

Sunday 13. Cool, Wind N. E.

2 to stock.
Given out to hands one weeks Rashings.

Monday 14. Cool, Wind N. E.

3 2 to Stock. 1 stocking Ploughs.
1 Soeing for hands.
32 Picking Cotton.
1 Moveing Me.[2]

Tuesday 15. Wind N. E., Cool

3 2 to Stock. 1 Stocking Ploughs.
1 Sewing.
35 Picking Cotton.

Wednesday 16. N. E., Very cold.

3 2 to Stock. 1 Stocking Ploughs.
1 Sewing
2 Sick.
32 Picking Cotton. 1 Hawling Rails.

Thursday 17. Clear and Cold, Wind N. W.

3 Sick England, Binah and Leah.
2 1 At gin house, one making Plough Stocks.
1 1 to Tallahassee with 6 Bales Cotton, No. 102.
Killed hogs with all hands engaged, and cleaning and cutting up all day with men and part of the women, balance knocking cotton Stalks.

Friday 18. Clear and pleasant, N. W.

2 Sick, Coatney and L. Sarah.
2 At crib, 1 minding Stock with 4 boys.

[2] I.e., removing the property of John Evans, who had resigned his place as overseer. See his letters of January 10 and 14, 1856, printed herein.

2 1 Hawling with wagon. 1 hawling leaves with cart.
31 Picking Cotton.

Saturday 19. Cloudy.

1 Sick, Coatney.
2 Repairing gin gear. 1 minding Stock.
1 1 Gone to Tallahassee with No. 109 Bales cotton.
32 Picking Cotton. 1 hawling leaves.
Given out allowance Meal and Meat.

Sunday 20. Cold, Wind N. E.

Sick Coatney.

Monday 21. Clear, Cold.

2 1 Sick B. Martha, 1 Sewing Rachael.
2 1 working in Shop. 1 minding Stock.
1 To Tallahassee with No. 115 Bales cotton.
33 Picking Cotton. 1 hawling things for Mr. McCall.
Mr. R. A. McCall came on Plantation at 12 o'clock.[3]

Teusday 22. Clear, Very Cool, Ice all day.

1 1 gon go Col. Gadsden with wagon for Briars.[4]
6 2 stock. 4 Ginin Cotton.
27 23 Pickin Cotton. 4 Spinin plow Lin[e]s.
3 Lambs kiled by Sows.
1 1 fixing gin and stockin ploughs.

[3] This ends the journal as kept by John Evans. Beginning with January 22, the journal is in the handwriting of A. R. McCall.

[4] Thorny plants, intended for setting a hedge.

January 23. Wednday. Clear and very cold, Ice all day.

9 5 with Stock. 4 Gining.
5 4 Spining. 1 winding yarn and making Collars.
23 23 Cleaning way for Dich and cutting logs.
3 1 making hams. 1 sick. 1 sowing.
2 2 with wagon hauling Rails ½ day in Car field.
1 Hawling leave[s] with cart.
wagon Returned with load of Briars, 12 oclock.

Thirsday 24. Clear and Cool. wether moderated a little in M.

6 6 hand Beding up for Corn.
3 2 with stock. 1 with cart leave [i. e., hauling leaves].
2 2 with wagon hauling Rails Round Care [i. e., Carr] field.
5 5 Cuting logs for Ditch.
5 4 Sping Plow lins [i. e., spinning plow lines]. 1 sowing Collars [i. e., sewing mule collars].
1 1 Carpentor fixin up Rop [i. e., rope] works.
12 12 Cleaning up land around fence.
4 4 at gin. 1 Easaw, came in sicke 3 oclock.

Friday 25. frost, little cloudy. Cloudy and Rainy nearly all knight.

3 2 to Stock. 1 with cart hauling leaves.
6 6 with Ploughs beding up Corn land.
8 4 at Gin. 4 Spining Plow lins.
2 2 with wagon hauling Rails Car field.
5 4 Ditching. 1 Cutting briars to plant.

13 12 Cleaning up land. 1 sowing Collars.
2 1 Sicke Esaw. 1, Carpentor, gitting out Post to fix the well.

Saterday 26. Cloud disagreable day with Rain and Cool. not much don in the way of Work on account of Rain.

3 2 to Stock. 1 carting leave.
6 6 with Ploughs beding corn land in long field.
8 4 at Gin. 4 Spining Plow lins.
1 1 with wagon to Mill sent by wagon 5 pear of new haims to be wond.
7 5 Ditching. 1 sick, Esaw. 1 making Collars.
14 14 Planting out Briars in ditch and reparing lot fence.
2 1 with cart, 1 in shop.
1 Sheap Died, 1 Kid killed by Sow.

Sunday 27. Cloudy and som Rain.

2 to stocke.
Give out one weeks lowance of Meal.
Give the Muls Salt.
one Sheap Drounded.
A. R. McCall gon after his Famly.
Mr. G. Jones came to Plantation.

Monday 28. Cloudey and coole.

3 2 to Stocke. 1 sicke, Esaw.
6 6 with Plows beding up Corn lan in long field.

6 6 Packing Cotton in evening, laed logs on Dich.
18 18 Cleaning fenc and knocking down stocks.
5 4 Spining plow lings. 1 sowing Collars.
2 2 with Wagon moving McCall. A. R. McCall returned with family. Mr. Ge. Jones left plantation.

Tusday 29. Cloudey and cold. Ice in morning.

2 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, Catey.
7 7 Plows beding up Corn lan.
9 5 Diching. 4 Spining plough lines.
1 1 with wagon gon to Tallahassee with load of Cotton.
6 4 at Gin. 2 cerbin well [i. e., curbing a well].
1 sowing for hands.
14 knockin down corn stocks in [s]Chool house field.

Wednday 30. Clear and Coold, frost. after the morning fine day.

4 2 to stock, 1 sicke, Caty, 1 sowing for hands.
9 9 Plows beding up Corn land in Hart field.
8 6 Ditching. 2 with wagon hauling logs for Ditch.
5 5 with ox and Mul Carts raking an hauling in cane leavs.
14 Nocking down Corn and Cotton Stalks.
Gatherin up the Hogs to turn in woods.
Got threw Gin [i. e., ginning] of the Cotton crop of 1855 at 9 Oclocke this morning.

Thirsday 31. Clear and Coole, frost.

8 2 to Stocke. 6 Ditching.
13 13 with Plows beding up Corn land in Chool house F.
6 6 with Wagon ox and mule carts hauling out Stable manuar.
12 12 Nocking down Cotton stalks.
1 Carpenter fix Gaits.

Febuary

Friday 1. Cloudy this morning. Raind last knight, warm today.

9 2 to stocke. 6 Ditching. 1 sicke.
13 13 with Plough beding up Corn land in Chool house [field].
6 6 with Wagon ox and mule carte hauling out manur.
11 11 Nocking down Cotton Stalks.
1 1 Carpenter mend Racks.
15 Bushels of Oats sent to Elisteana. [El Destino]
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to Plantation and left.

Saterday 2. Cloud and warm.

9 2 to stocke. 6 Ditching. 1 sicke.
13 13 with Ploughs beding up corn land in Cchool house fie[ld].
6 6 with Wagon ox and mule Cart hauling manuer.
11 11 K[n]ocking down Cotton Stalks.
1 1 Carpentor coopering hogsheads.
1 Shovel return by Mr. Evens boy.

Sunday 3. Cloudey and Coold.

2 to stock.
Give out one weeks lowance of meat to Negros.
Give out ½ lowance of Pottatoes.
Give the Muls salt.

Monday 4. Sevear frize this morning. Clear.

7 2 to stocke. 5 Ditching.
8 8 Plows beding up Corn land in Chool house field.
5 5 Plows beding up cane land.
12 12 Kocking down cotton stalks in house field.
1 1 the carpentor coopring hogsheads and fix covers for cotton.
36½ Bushels of Oats sent to Elisteanah.
Isaac went to Elisteanah with a Note last Knight, returnd this morning.
5 5 with Wagon and Ox cart hauling manir.

Tusday 5. Clear and very Cold, Ground frosed.

8 2 to stock. 6 Cutting down Newground [i. e., cutting down trees in a field then being cleared].
13 13 Plowing, braking up Chinkepin hill.
12 12 Kocking down Corn stocks.
5 5 with Wagon and Ox Cart hauling manur.
1 1 carpentor making Coffin and diging Grave.
1 1 stoped with dead Child, Nancy.
Mr. Geo. Jones came and left.

Wednesday 6. Cloud and coole wind.

8 2 to stocke. 6 Cutting down Newground.
12 12 Plows braking up chinkepin hill.
13 13 Kocking down Corn stocks and raking fence.
2 2 with ox cart hauling out manur.
1 1 Gon with wagon to mill.
1 1, Carpentor making Coffin and working in shop.
2 2 Sicke, Blacke Martha and Lear.
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to Plantation.

Thursday 7. Cloudy and Rainy.

2 2 to stocke.
4 4 sicke, B. Marthar, Lear, T. Martha, Bettey.
6 2 Spining. 2 Making Collar. 2 nirsing Sicke.
2 2 cutting Briar to set out.
22 Cleaning out stables and Kocking down Cotton stalks.
Dr. Parkel [Parkhill] came to see Dol, T Martha and Yorke.
1 s[h]eap Dead.

Friday 8. Warm Cloudy and drisly.

5 2 to stocke. 2 nursing the sicke. 2 sicke, T. Martha and Lear.
6 with Wagon ox and Mul cart hauling out manur.
16 6 Loging, 10 cutting Cotton stalks in care field.
13 13 with plows in chinkepen [illegible].
1 1 carpentor fixin Negro houses.
Dr. Parkil left this morning.
Mr. Geo. Jones left Plantation.

Saterday 9.

4 2 to stocke. 2 minding the sicke.
10 10 with Plows beding up Cotton land on gin house [field].
4 3 Plows planting Cane. 1 Carpento pachin cart.
16 12 Planting Cane. 4 with ox and mul Cart haul.
2 2 with wagon hauling manur in Hart.
Dr. Parkill came to see Dol, Marth and Yorke.
Mr. Geo. Jones came to Plantation.

Sunday 10. Clear and Plesant.

2 to stocke.
give out lowance of meat for one week.
Give half lowance of Potatoes.
Dr. Parkill came to see Yorke and Martha.
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to Plantation and left sam day.

Munday 11. Cloudy and little drisly Rain.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Dichin. 1 Nursen Child.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land in Turkey [cut].
2 2 with wagon hauling manur.
2 2 Plows planting Cane.
1 1 Plow Runing of rows in gin Cut.
4 4 with ox and Mul Cart hauling cane.
11 10 Planting Cane. 1 sicke, Lear.
1 1 Carpentor Paching Negro houses.

Tusday 12. Cloudy and Coole, in the eveng far and Coole.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Diching. 1 Nursing Children.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land in Turkey cut.

6 6 with Wagon ox and Mul Cart hauling Cane leave in lot.
3 3 Plows Runing of rows in Gin cut.
12 12 Plantin and Replanting stuble Cane.[5]
1 1 carpentor working on Negro houses.
2 2 sicke Lear. Mr. Geo. Jones came to Plantation and left.

Wednesday 13. Clear and Coole, frost. fine day after the morning.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Diching. 1 Nursing Children.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land in Turkey cut.
6 6 with Wagon, ox and Mule Cart hauling Cane leave, the wagon went to hauling logs after diner on Dich.
12 12 Replanting Cane until diner then to Kocking down Corn stocks.
3 3 with Plows Runing of rows in gin house cut.
1 1 Carpentor working on Negro houses.
2 2 sick, Lear and Profit.

Thirsday 14. Clear and coole, frost.

6 2 to stocke. 4 laying logs for Dich.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land.
3 3 Plows Runing of Corn ground in gin hous field.
12 12 knocking down corn stocks.
1 1 gon with wagon to mill.

[5] Stubble cane was a second or third year's crop, springing from the sugar-cane roots.

3 2 hauling with ox cart, 1 with mule cart hauling [illegible].
2 2 working on Negros chimnes [i. e., chimnies].
3 sicke, Martha, Lear, Profit.

Friday 15. Cloudey and windey, not very Cold.

6 2 to stocke. 4 Diching in cros dich.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land in Gin hous cut.
3 3 Plows runing of corn Roes in hart field.
11 11 Kockin down cotton stalks in Gin hous field.
2 2 with wagon hauling logs for Dich.
4 4 with ox and Mul cart, hauling out manur.
6 2 working on Chim[n]eys, 4 sicke, Martha, Lear, Profit, Mariah.
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to plantation and left.

Saterday 16. Clear dry and windey.

2 2 to stocke. 4 Dichin on cros dich.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land Gin hous cut.
3 3 Plows Runing of corn Rows in hart field.
10 10 Kocking down Cotton stalks in car cut.
1 1 with wagon to tallahassee with load cotton.
4 4 with ox and Mul cart hauling out manur.
6 2 working on chimes [i. e., chimneys]. 4 sicke, Marth, Lear, Proffit and Mariah.

Sunday 17. Clear and Coole.

2 to stocke.
Give one weeks lowance of meat and meal. Give Muls Salt.

A. R. McCall went down to his farm and returned in the evening.

Monday 18. Clear and cold, Ice.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Diching and laying logs. 1 sicke, Martha.
10 10 Plows ridge up for corn in gin hous field.
3 3 Plows Runing of corn Rows in hart field.
12 12 Kocking down Cotton stalks in car cut.
6 6 with wagon, ox and mul cart hauling out manur.
1 cutting Negro hous poles.
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to Plantation an left.

Tusday 19. Clear and Plesant.

7 2 to stock. 4 Dichin. 1 sicke, Martha.
10 10 Plows ridgen up corn land in gin hous field.
3 3 Plows runing of corn rows in Gin hous field.
6 6 with wagon, ox an Mul cart, hauling out manur.
1 1 cutting Negro hous poles [i. e., logs with which to build or repair slave cabins].
12 12 Kocking down cotton stalks and rakin fenc.

Wednesday 20. Cloudy and Warm, fine Rain this eveng.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Diching. 1 sick Martha.
10 10 Plows beding up Cotton land in House field.
3 3 Plows Runing of corn Rows in Chool hous field.
12 12 Kocking and burnen cotton stalks in car field.
6 6 with wagon, ox and Mul cart haulin manur.
1 1 gitten sills for Negro houses.

Thirsday 21. Cloudey and warm.

8 2 to stocke. 6 Roling logs.
12 12 Plows beding up cotton land in car cut.
3 3 Plows Runing of corn land in chool hous field.
11 11 kockin down cotton stalks in car field.
5 5 with wagon, ox an mul cart, haulen manur.
2 sawing bord timber.

Friday 22. Cloudy and warm.

7 2 to stocke. 4 Dichen. 1 sick, Martha.
12 12 Plows beding up for Cotton in car cut.
3 3 Plows Runing corn rows in school hous field.
12 12 Kocken down cotton stalks in car field.
5 5 with wagon, ox and mul cart, haul manur.
2 2 gitten bords.

Saterday 23. Cloudy in the morning, far and warm in the evening.

7 2 to stocke. 5 cutten and laying logs on Dich.
7 7 Plows beden up cotton in car cut.
2 2 Plows Runin of for Manur in house field.
4 4 Plows Runen of corn in Chool hous field.
12 12 spreaden manur in hous field.
3 1 gitten bords, 2 sicke, Nancy an Martha.
Give out one weeks lowanc of Meat.

Sunday 24. fine day.

2 to Stock.
give muls salt.
Report of Stocke minder, 65 yong Pigs, one Lamb sick.

Monday 25. a little Cloudy and warm.

8 2 to stocke. 4 Dichin. 2 gittin bords.
8 8 Plows bedin Cotton in car field.
3 3 Plows Runin of corn rows in chinkepen cut.
1 1 Plow Runin of cotton rows in hous field.
12 12 Spreadin Manur in hous field.
4 4 with wagon, ox an Mul cart, haulin out manur.
1 cooken in plaic of Sukey.

Tusday 26. fine Spring day, a little Cloudy.

8 2 to stocke. 4 Dichen. 2 gitten Bords.
7 7 Plows beding up for Cotton in car field.
3 3 Plows Runin corn Rows in Chinkpen Cut.
3 3 Plows Coverin manur [i. e., covering manure] in hous field.
12 Spreadin Manur in house field.
4 with Wagon, ox an mul cart hauln manur.
1 cookin in place of Sukey.
Mr. Geo. Jones came to Plantation and left.

Wednesday 27. Warm and som rain, henderd a little.

6 2 to stocke. 4 cutten and laying logs on Dich.
7 7 Plows beding cotton in cars ½ day then covern manur in hous field.
3 3 Plows covern manur.
3 Plows Runen of cotton Rows, cane pach field.
12 Spreading manur in hous field.
2 Gitting out timber for Negro houses.
1 cookin in Place of Sukey.

Thirsday 28. fine day. Comenst to Plant Corn in afternoon today.

7 2 to stocke. 5 Dichen.
13 13 P[l]ows beding up for cotton in hous field until diner. 4 Then went to Plantin Corn in chool hous cut, the other 9 went backe to cars to bed up for cotton.
12 12 Scaterin manur until diner and went to plantin corn today, the first.
4 4 with wagon [and] ox cart haulen out manur.
1 1, Renty, gone with cart to Mr. Gadsdens for briars to plant on Dich.
1 1 cooken in place of Suckey.

Friday 29. Warm and little Cloudey.

2 2 to stock. 6 Diched. 1 after briars to plant, returned.
9 9 Plows beding up for Cotton in car field.
4 4 Plows Runen to Plant corn in chool hous cut.
13 13 Plantin and manurin corn in chool hous cut.
3 2 haulen Manur. 1 haulen bords with wagon.

March 1. Saterday 1. Warm, Clouday and som Rain.

8 2 to stocke. 6 cutten an laying logs on Dich.
9 9 Plows beding up for cotton in car field.
4 4 Plows Runen of to plant corn in chool hous cut.
13 13 Plantin and manurin corn in chool hous cut.
3 2 haulen manur. 1 gon to mill with wagon.

3 3 setten out B[r]iars on Dich.
Give the Negros the evening to wash.
Give one weeks lowance of Meat and meal.

Sunday 2. Cloudey, warm and Rainy.

2 to stocke. Give muls salt. 1 Sheap Ded.
Give the Negros ½ Bushel of Rice, ½ Bushel of Peas.
8 lb of meat for ther funeral Berial.

Monday 3. Clouday and coole.

10 2 to stocke. 6 Dichen. 2 haulen Poles for Negro hous with wagon.
8 Plows braken midls [in] care [i. e., Carr] field.
4 Plows Run roes to plant corn in Chool hous field.
14 Planten and manurin Corn in Chool hous field.

Tusday 4. Clouday, coole in morning.

8 2 to stocke. 6 Dichen, 2 haulen poles for Negro houses.
9 9 Plows braken midls in care field.
4 4 Plows Runen of corn roes to plant corn in hart field.
14 14 Planten and manuren Corn in hart field.
the plows finished in care at Diner, and went in New grown by cane pach to bed up for Cotton.

Wednesday 5. Clouday and a little coole.

9 2 to stocke. 2 Dichen. 1 with wagon. 2 gitten block and help load.

9 9 Plows runing of and beden for Cotton in car cut.
4 4 Plows Runen corn rows to plant Corn in hart field.
17 17 Planten and manurin corn in hart field.

Thirsday 6. Clouday and a little Drisley.

5 2 to stocke. 2 clean pon[d] Dich. 1 with wagon haulen manur.
7 6 Plows runen of for corn. 1 pealing poles.
7 Plows Beding up for cotton in car cut.
19 Planting and manurin corn in chinkepen cut.
Mr. Geo. Jones came to Plantation and left.

Friday 7. Clouday and warm.

5 2 to stocke, 2 with wagon. 1 Pealen poles.
6 6 Plows runen of for corn in Gin Cut.
7 7 bedding up for Cotton in car cut.
20 20 Plantin and manuring corn in Gin cut.

Saterday 8. Clouday and som Rain in the morning.

2 to stocke.
7 Plows Runen of for corn in Gin hous cut.
28 Plantein and manurin Corn in Gin cut.
2 with wagon haulen manur.
1 Renty worken on Negro houses.
Got threw Planting corn in this part of Plantation at 5 oclocke and give the Negros the balanc of the evening. Give out one weeks lowance of meat.

Sunday 9.

2 to stocke.
Simon gon down to work at the Mill.

Monday 10. Clear and warm, little Clouday in the eveng.

4 2 to stocke. 2 sicke, Sarah and O. Sarah.
12 12 Plows beding up for Cotton in car cut.
12 12 cleaning up pon[d] cut and cleaning up on Dich.
6 5 Dichen. 1 Simon gon to worke at Mill.
2 2 haulen cane leave for Manur.
2 2 with wagon haulen poles.

Tusday 11. Clouday Rain in the evening so that not much don.

4 2 to stocke, Big Sarah, Sariah.
12 12 Plows beding up for Ground peas.
12 12 Cleaning up Bottom in Dich.
6 5 Dichen. 1 Simon gon to worke at Mill.
1 1 with wagon haulen Bords and Cotton Seed to Plant.
1 1 gitten sealing bords [i. e., ceiling boards] for Negro houses.

Wednesday 12. Clouday and Rainy. lost halfe the day by Rainin morning.

4 2 to stocke, 2 [sick,] O. Sarah, Sarah.
12 12 Plows beding up for Groun peas in Pond.
12 12 Cleanin up Rice Pond.
3 5 Dichen. 1 working in shop.

1 1 with wagon to Mill. 1, Simon, worken at Mill.
2 2 with ox cart haulen litter for lot.
Bad day for work, halfe the day lost by Rain.

Thirsday 13. Clouday and Rainy in morning.

4 2 to stocke. 2 Sicke, O. Sariah and Sariah.
12 12 Plows planting Ground Peas.
12 12 Planting Ground peas and cleaning fenc.
2 2 with wagon haulen trash in lot.
2 2 with ox cart haulen trash in lot.
7 6 Puting up Negro houses. 1 Simon to Mill.
halfe of the day lost by Rain.

Friday 14. Clouday and Coold, not to hurt.

5 2 to stock. 3 worken in Negro houses.
12 12 Plows braken corn Midls in gin cut.
15 15 Cleaning up low ground on Dich.
2 2 with wagon haulen litter in lot.
2 2 " ox cart " " " "
1 1 Simon worken at Alesteanah Mill.

Saterday 15. Coole in the morning, far and warm.

5 2 to stocke. 3 worken on Negro houses.
10 10 Plows braken corn midls in Gin cut.
2 2 Plows beding up for Potatoes.
15 15 Plantin Potatoes and cleenin pond.
2 2 with wagon haulin out cotton sead to Plant.
2 2 with ox cart haulen Cotton seads to Plant.
1 1 Simon worken at Mill to pay black smith.
Mr. Geo. Jones cam to plantation.
Give Negros 1 wekes lowance meat.

Sunday 16. far and Plesant, lite Rain at knight.

2 to stocke.

A. R. McCall went down home, return in the evening.

Monday 17. Clouday and a little Rain.

3 2 to Stocke. 1 working on Negro hous.
13 13 Plows braken up land for corn at cars.
5 5 worken on Dich.
12 12 Cleaning up Valey on Dich.
2 2 with wagon, haulen cotton sead to Plant.
2 2 with ox cart, haulen cotton sead to Plant.

Tusday 18. Warm and Rainey

2 2 to stocke. 1 worken on Negro houses.
13 Plows braken up land for corn in cars.
5 Dichen. 1, Simon, worken at Mill.
12 Puting fenc on Dich.
4 with wagon and cart.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Suckey.
Mor than halfe of the day lost by Rain.

Wednesday 19. Clouday in the morning, fine day after the morning.

3 2 to stocke. 1 worken on Negro house.
9 9 Plows planting Cotton in car field.
4 4 Plows Braken up land for corn in cars.
10 10 Sowen and caring [i. e., carrying] cotton seads.
7 7 Maken up fenc at cars.

2 1 gon with wagon to Mill. 1, Simon, worke at Mill.
2 2 with ox cart haulen leavs in lot.
Rachal cooken in place of Suckey.

Thirsday 20. Clouday and a litle coole.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro hous.
14 14 Plows planting cotton in car cut.
16 12 Sowin cotton seads. 4 Dichin.
3 3 with wagon, ox cart, haulin cotton seads to Plant.
1 1 Simon worken at Mill to pay blacksmith.
1 1 Rachal cooken in place of Suckey.
A. R. McCall went to consult Dr. Birsell conserning diseas of Mrs. McCall, absent 3 hours from Plantation.

Friday 21. Clouday and warm.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
14 14 Plows plantin cotton ½ the day in hous cut then went to beding up for Cotton.
12 12 sowing sead ½ the day then to clean up in Dich.
4 4 help to put up Negro hous, then went to Dichen.
3 3 with wagon ox cart, haulen sead to plant.
1 1, Simon, worken at Alesteanah Mills.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Suckey sicke.

Saterday 22. Clouday, windy and Coole.

1 to Stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
14 Plows beding up for cotton in house field till 10 oclock, then planting cotton in house field the balance of the day.

12 clean up pond and sowing cotton sead.
4 Dichen. 3 with wagon an cart, haulen cotton sead to plant.
1 Simon, worken at Alesteanah Mills.
1 Rachal, cooken in place of Suckey.
Give out Negros one weeks Rashen of Meat.

Sunday 23. Clear and Coole.

2 to stocke.
Recive 16 Pounds of Nails by England, from Eldisteno.

Monday 24. Clear and Plesant, little windy.

2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
13 Plows beding up Cotton land low places that was left.
17 Cleaning up New Ground next harts.
4 with wagon, Ox cart, haulen leaves in lot.

Tusday 25. Warm and Clear Purty day, little windy.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro Houses.
the Plows stoped to help clean up Newground.
30 30 worken in Newground.
2 2 with wagon haulen poles an Cotton seed.
2 2 with ox cart haulen leave in lot.

Wednesday 26. Clouday, distante Thunder but no rain.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
14 14 Plows Planting cotton in Gin cut.

13 13 Planting cotton, sowin and caring [i. e., carrying] seads.
5 5 burning logs in Newgrown.
1 1 gon with wagon after Meal.
2 2 with ox cart, haulen cotton seads to Plant.

Thirsday 27. Clear and coole day, windy, Mr. Geo. Jones cam to and left plantation today.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
14 14 Plows planting cotton, finished Planting cotton.
10 10 sowing and caring cotton seads.
5 5 Burning logs in Newground.
1 1 with wagon haulen plang [i. e., plank] from Eldesteana.
2 2 with ox cart hauling cotton sead and Trash.
1 1 washen, Rachal, wagon brought 9 scantlin 10 Rufedg [i. e., rough-edge] planks.

Friday 28. little frost. Clear and coole all day, windy.

4 2 to stocke. 2 worken on Negro houses.
14 14 Pows Runing of and planting corn at cars.
4 4 dropen corn at cars.
12 12 Burnin trash in Newground.
1 1 with wagon haulen planke for Gin house.
2 2 with ox cart haulin clay for Chim[n]ey.
1 1, Martha, Confind today.
wagon brought 30 Scantlin.

Saterday 29. Cloudey. give the Negros one weeks lowance of Meat.

2 to stocke. 2 workin on Negro houses.
14 Braken up and plantin corn at cars.
12 dropen and covering corn at cars.
3 cleaning out Ditch. 2 with ox cart haul clay.
1 with wagon haulen Gin hous planke El Diste [i. e., El Destino].
1 Martha lying in.
wagon brought 30 scantlin.

Sunday 30, Cloudey.

2 to stocke. give the Negros Salt.

Monday 31. a little cloudey and windy.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, L. Sariah. 1, Nancy, nursen children.
13 12 Plows brake midls in corn at cars. 1 Plow Run of[f] Newground.
10 10 Replanting corn in Cchool house field.
6 6 gitting out timber for Gin house.
1 with wagon lumber for Gin hous, brought 54 scantlen.
2 with ox cart haulen leaves in lot.

Aprial 1. Tusday 1. Cloudey and windey, Coole.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, L. Sarah, 1, Nancy, nursen Children.

13 13 Plows plowin rattun [i. e., rattoon] cane and braken up and planting cotton in Newgrown.
1 1 plow runen of Newground to plant corn.
12 12 Replantin corn and burning in Newgrown.
6 6 gitten timber for Gin hous.
1 1 with wagon haulen lumber from Mill for Gin hous.
2 2 with ox cart haulen leaves in lot.
got Dr. Bird to looke at L. Sarah and give procription for hur. wagon brought 44 scantlen.

Wednesday 2. Cloudey and windy. wagon brought 40 Rufedg planke.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke Sarah. 1 lien in, Martha.
14 14 Plows planting Newgrown corn and braken it up, &c.
12 12 Cleaning up Pond for Rice.
6 6 gitten out timber for Gin hous.
1 1 with wagon haulen Planke for G. hous.
2 2 with ox Cart to Mill for meal.

Thirsday 3. Warm and Cloudy, smal showr of Rain.

2 to stocke. 1 sick Sarah. 1 Minding Children.
13 Plowing Corn in Chool hous field.
12 Planting Rice, 1 woken on Ditch.
6 Gitten out timber for Gin house.
1 with wagon haulen Plank for Gin hous Ruf [i. e., roof], brought 30.
1 with ox cart haulen leaves in lot.
1 Martha lying in child bed.

Friday 4. fine day until at knight a servery wind and som Rain.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sick, Sariah. 1 mindin Children.
13 13 Plowen Corn in chool hous field.
12 12 Cleaning round fenc at cars.
7 7 Gitten out timber for Gin house.
1 1 with wagon haulen planke for gin hous brough[t]
40 Rufedg. [i. e., rough-edged plank].
2 2 with ox cart, haulen leaves in lot.
1 1, Martha, lien in chile bed.

Saterday 5. Plesant today.

2 to stock. 1 sick, Sariah. 1 Minding Children. as I am don planting and is Read[y] to go to worken the crop on Monday, I have give the Negros today to plant ther little crops for themsevels. A. R. McCall, Overseer. Give the Negros one weeks lowan of Meat and surup.

Sunday 6. lite frost this morning.

2 to stock. 1 sicke, L. Sariah. 1, Martha, lien in child bed.

Monday 7. Cloudey and thunder, Heavy Rain.

4 2 to stock. 1 sick, Sarah. 1, Martha, in Child bed.
16 16 Plowen Corn in chool hous field.
16 16 Howin corn in chool hous field.
1 1 with ox cart haulen leaf in lot.
1 1, Renty, gitten out timber for plow stocks.
lost half the day or nearly by Rain.

Tusday 8. fine day a litle windy.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, Sariah. 1, Martha, in Child bed.
16 16 Powen corn in chool hous field.
14 14 Hoen of corn in chool house field.
1 1 with ox cart haulen leavs in lot.
1 1, Renty, maken harrows.
2 2 Gon to worke on El Desteno Mills as the Waist Way blowed up and Mr. G. Jones caled on Chemonie for help to repar the brake. cotton is scorched by the frost.

Wednesday 9. fare and windy. N. E. wind.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, L. Sariah, 1, Martha, in Child bed.
15 15 Plowen corn in hart field.
14 14 hoen corn in Chool hous field.
1 1 with ox cart haulen leave in lot.
1 Renty maken tar kill, &c.
2 2 worken on El Distino Mills.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey sick.
1 1 sicke, Mariah.

Thirsday 10. Clear and warm not much wind.

4 2 to stock. 1 sicke, Mariah. 1, Martha, in child bed.
15 15 Plowen corn in hart field.
15 15 hoen corn in Chool hous field.
1 1 with ox cart haulen leaves in lot.
1 1, Renty, maken hariows [i. e., harrows].

2 2 worken on El Disteno.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.
Mr. G. Jones came to plantation an left.

Friday 11. warm and plesant.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, Mariah. 1, Martha, in child bed.
15 15 Plows in chinkepen cut, comenst 12 oclocke.
15 15 hoen in hart field.
1 1 with ox cart haulen leave in lot.
1 1, Renty, maken hariows.
2 2 worken El Distino Mills.
1 1, Rachal, Cooken in place of Sukey.

Saterday 12. warm and plesant.

4 2 to stocke. 1 sicke, Mariah. 1, Martha, in child bed.
15 15 Plowen in chinkepen cut.
16 15 howen in hart field. 1 with cart haulen leaves.
3 1, Renty, stocken plows. 2 worken at Mills.
1 Rachel cooken in place of Sukey.
Give out one weeks lowanc meat to Negros.

Sunday 13. Warm and Clouday.

2 to stocke.

Monday 14. Clear warm and dry wether.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Martha, in Child bed.
17 17 Plowen finished Chinkenpe[n cut,] 8 oclocke and went in Gin hous field to Plow corn.

13 13 howen corn in chinkepen.
2 2 worken at El Distino Mills.
1 1 haulen leave in lot.
2 1, Renty, stocken plows. 1, Rachal, cooken.

Tusday 15. very Plesant day, win S. W. Rather drie for the best. Rain wold do Som good to Crop.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Martha, in Child bed.
9 9 Plows in Gin hous field of corn.
8 8 Plows runen harows over car cotton.
13 13 howen corn in chinkepen, finished 12 oclock, went in Gin house field after Diner.
2 2 worken at El Distino Mills.
2 1 haulen leave in lot. 1, Rachal, cooken.
1 1, Renty, worken on Negro houses.

Wednesday 16. Clear day.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Martha, in child bed.
17 17 P[l]owen corn in Gin hous field, finished one hour by sun and went in Shugar cane.
13 13 howen corn in Gin house field.
3 2 worken at Mills. 1 haulen leaves.
1 1, Renty, worken on Negro houses.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.

Thirsday 17. fine growen wether for cotton. cotton all up and a good stand. fine stand of sugar cane, looks well for the time of year.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Martha, in Child bed.
10 10 siden Cotton in car field.

7 7 finished cane and went to runen harow over cotton.

13 13 finished howen corn in Gin hous field at ten oclocke, went to howen cane.

4 2 worken on Mill. 1 [raking] leaves. 1 worken on Negro house.

1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Suky.

Mr. Geo. Jones and Familey at Plantation and give the Negros ther Sumer cloaths.

2 Bushels of Potatoes to El Desteno.

Friday 18. fine day.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Martha, in child bed, time out.

10 10 Plows siden Cotton in car field finished.

8 8 Runen harows over cotton.

13 13 howen cane an potatoes Replantin corn at cars.

3 2 worken at Mills. 1 haulen leaves in lot.

1 1, Renty, sherin sheap one sheap dead.

1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.

A. R. McCall maid bagen [i. e., bargain] with Mr. Lintons boys to fram and rais Gin hous for one hundred dollars.

Saterday 19. fine day for worke, in the evening sudent chang[e].

3 to stocke and Shearin Sheep.

9 Plows swepen Ground peas and siden cotton.

8 Runen harows over cotton.

13 Chopen cotton in car cut comenst.

2 woken at El Distino Mills.

1 Martha sowen for Negros.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Suky.
1 Lear cooken for hand[s], Cate sicke with bils.
Give out one weeks lowance of meat to Negros.

Sunday 20. Cold, windy.

2 to stocke. the Driver and Several of the Negros gone to El Distino to funral.
Mr. Geor. Jones cam to Plantation in the evening.

Monday 21. Frost this morning, not to do much damage, cool all day.

2 to stocke. 1 woken in shop.
9 Plows siden cotton in hous field.
8 Plows Runen harrows over cotton.
16 Chopen cotton in cars. Stoped chopen cotton on account of frost, went to worke the Groun peas.
1 Lear cooken for hands, Kate sicke.
1 Rachal cooken in plac of Sukey.
one old Gote died in childbed.
Mr. G. Jones left Plantation this morning not to return any mor untill his return from the North.

Tusday 22. Frost this morning, not to do any hurt more than Stun[t] cotton.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sick.
9 9 Plows siden cotton Gin field.
8 8 Runen harrows over cotton, finished 10 oclocke, and then beaded up wet places for cotton.

16 16 Chopen cotton in car field.
1 1, Renty, Reparing Plows. 1, Martha, sowen for hands.

Wednesday 23. got some warmer, Cloudey.

3 2 to stocke. 1 Renty, git out timber [for] Gin.
15 15 Plows siden cotton in Gin field.
2 2 Plows Plantin cotton in low places.
16 16 c[h]oppen cotton in cars finished at 3 oclocke, went in hous field to chop.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.

Thirsday 24. Cloudy and warm, smal Sprinkle Rain.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin hous.
17 17 Plows siden cotton.
16 16 hoen cotton in yard field.
1 1, Martha, sowen for Negros.

Friday 25. clear and warm. cotton has taken a start to grow senc the frost.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber for gin house.
17 17 Plows siden cotton in care field braken up Pottatoe ground and went to plowen corn in chool hous 2 tim.
16 16 hoen cotton in yard an cane field.
1 1, Martha, sowen for Negros.

Sent one Dimajon of surip to El Distino.
sent ½ Bushel of sead Rice " "
sent 2 Bushels of Ground Peas " "
Paid Mr. Lem Jones 50cts. on account of '54 [1854] maid by J. Evans for 2 Plow points, give the Account to Mr. G. Jones, Aprial 27.

Saterday 26. far day.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten timber for Gin hous.
14 14 Powen corn in Chool hous field 2 tim.
18 18 chopen cotton in gin cut.
2 1 gon to Mill with wagon. 1, Martha, sowen for Negros.
give Negros one weeks lowanc of Meat.

Sunday 27.

2 to stocke.
A. R. McCall went to his place and Returned in evening.

Monday 28. Cloudey.

3 2 to stocke. 1 Renty gitten out timber for Gin hous.
14 14 Plowen corn in choolhous field 2nd time.
20 20 hoen, chopen cotton in Gin cut.

Tusday 29. Cloudey.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin hous.

14 14 Plowen corn in chool hous field 2 time, went harts field 11 oclock.
20 20 chopen out cotton in Turkey, finished 4 oclock.

Wednesday 30. little cloudy, warm.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, digen water trough.
17 17 Plows siden cotton in car cut.
17 17 chopen cotton next chool hous field. finished.

May 1. Thirsday. Cloudey, small shower Rain.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, worken in shop.
17 17 Plowen corn in hart field 2 time.
18 18 Chopen cotton in car cut.
sent one Bushel of sead Rice to Eldistino to Mr. Moxley.
Recived 10 envelops with Mr. G. Jones addres on them.

Friday 2. Cloudey, sprinkled Rain a little.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber, Gin hous.
17 17 Plowen corn in hart field 2 time.
18 18 chopen cotton in car cut.
Finished chopen cotton first tim all.
A. R. McCall went to El Distino.

Saterday 3. little Cloudey.

2 to stocke. 1, Renty, worken in shop.
17 Plowen Newgroun cotton and corn.

18 Replanting Rice and chopen bushes in Newgroun.
Give the Negros two thirds of the day.
lice on the cotton.

Sunday 4. small Sprinkle of Rain.

2 to stocke.
Give out one weeks lowanc of Meat.

Monday 5. Clear and warm.

3 2 to stocke. 1 sowen for Negros.
17 17 Plowen corn at car field.
13 13 hoen Rice and Newground corn.
4 4 Gitten Shingles for Gin hous.

Tusday 6. little Cloudey.

2 to stocke. 1 sowen for Negros sumer cloaths.
17 Plowen corn at cars. finished at 4 oclocke and went to Plowen cotton in car field.
13 Replanting cotton and hoen in low places.
4 Giten shingles for Gin hous.

Wednesday 7. Cloudey, fine Rain. it was neaded very much. wind S. W. goodell of thunder.

2 2 to stocke.
17 17 Plowen cotton in car field 2 time.
13 13 heading up litle Pond below Negro hous and planted in corn. Replanting and hoenin low places of cotton and shugar cane 2 tim.

4 4 Gitten out Syprus shingles backe of cars [field] for Gin house.
1 1, Rachal, Maken Negros sumer cloaths.
lost 2 hours by Rain, time well lost.

Thirsday 8. fine day.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
17 17 Plowen corn in Gin hous cut 2 time.
17 17 Replanting Ground peas, and hoen and thining corn at cars.
stoped gitten shingles for a while.
1 1, Renty, gitten out timber for gin house.

Friday 9. fine day for worke.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
17 P[l]owen corn to Gin hous field. stoped at 12 oclocke went to Plowen cotton at cars field 2 time.
17 Thinin and hoen corn at cars, finished at 12 oclocke and went to hoen cotton at care field 2 time.

Saterday 10. Clear today. cotton and corn looke very well.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
14 14 Plowen cotton in house field 2 time.
3 3 Runen harows over cotton in car field.
17 17 howen cotton in car field 2 time.
1 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin house.
Give out one weeks lowance of meat and fish.

Sunday 11. fine day.

2 to stocke.

Monday 12. fine day for worke.

2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin house.
17 Plowen cotton in yard field and cane 2 time.
17 hoen cotton in car field.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Sukey.

Tusday 13. Cloudey and Rainy.

2 to stocke. 1, Renty, sicke, 1, Nathan, sicke.
17 Plowen cotton Gin cut 2 time.
16 hoen cotton in yard field, lost 2 hours by Rain. after the Rain hauld up the Pottatoes.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Suky.

Wednesday 14. Cloudey and fine sprink. of Rain.

2 to stocke. 1, Nathan, sicke with Biles.
17 Plowen corn in Gin house field an Potatoes.
16 howen cotton in yard field 2 time.
1 Renty gitten out timber for Gin house.
lost 2 hours by Rain.

Thirsday 15. Cloudey and Rainy.

2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin hous.
17 Plowen cotton in Gin cut.
16 howen cotton in new ground.

1 Nathan sicke with biles.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Sukey.
lost 3 hours by Rain.

Friday 16. fine day for worke.

2 to stocke. 1, Nathan, sicke with biles.
17 Plowen cotton in Turkey cut.
16 howen cotton in Newground. finished and went in Gin cut at 12 oclocke, hoe cotton.
1 Renty gitten Gin hous timber.
1 Rachal cooken in place of Sukey.

Saterday 17. fine day for worke, cotton looks well up to this time.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten timber for Gin house.
17 Plowen cotton in Turkey, finished 10 oclocke, went in car cut to Plow cotton.
16 16 hoen cotton in Gin cut.
1 1, Nathan, sicke with bils.
1 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.
(to be copied and sent to Mr. Geo. Jone at Savanah)

Sunday 18. fin Rain.

2 to stocke.
Give out one weeks lowanc of meat to Negros.

Monday 19. Coole and Cloudy, Rain.

3 2 to stocke. 1 Renty Spain [i. e., spaying] hogs and Marken.

17 17 Plowen cotton in car cut.
16 16 hoen cotton in Gin cut.
2 1 Sowen for hands. 1, Nathan, sick with a risin on sholder blade. cotton lousey.
lost 2 hours by Rain this eveng.

Tusday 20. fine day for worke, little Cloudey.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
12 Plowen Ground Peas 2 tim for [illegible] place.
11 oclocke went to Plowen cotton [illegible].
16 hoen cotton in Turkey 2 tim.
1, Renty, Gitten timber for Gin hous.
1, Nathan layed up with a risen on sholder, Jacop came in sicke at 12 oclock.

Wensday 21. Rain last Night. fine day for worke, High wind N. E.

3 2 to stocke. 1 Rachal sowen for Negros.
17 17 Plowen cotton in car field 3 tim.
16 16 hoen cotton in Turkey cut 2nd tim.
1 1, Renty, gitten timber for Gin house.
2 1, Jacop, sicke. 1, Nathan, and old Billa thrashen out sead peas.
fine Rain last Knight.

Thirsday 22. fine day for worke, high wind N. E.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, soen for Negros.
17 Plowen cotton in yard field 3 tim.
16 hoen cotton in Turkey cut 2 tim.

1, Renty worken in shop on plows.
1, Nathan, Billa and Cubit, thrashen Peas.

Friday 23. Cloudey and Winday. Wind N. E.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, soen for Negros.
17 17 Plowen corn in Chool hous field 3 tim.
16 16 hoen Ground peas.
1 1, Renty, gitten timber for Gin house.
1 1, Nathan and Cubut thrashed sead Peas.

Saterday 24. Cloudy and Drisley day.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, soen for Negros.
13 Plowen corn in Chool house field 3 tim.
19 hoen cotton in car cut 2 tim.
1, Renty, gitten timber for Gin house.
1, Nathan and Cubit thrashen sead Peas.
Peas.
Give the Negros 2/3 of the day to clean.
1 with wagon to El Distino Mill for meal.
Recived five dollar in cash for keeping a stray hors 5 days which was stold from Mr. Radly of Towns [Thomas?] county, Georgia. Recived 6 sweeps from El Distino.

Sunday 25. fine Rain.

2 to stocke.
Give out one weeks lowanc of Meat and fish.

Monday 26. fine Rain in the Eveng.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
17 17 Plowen corn in chool hous field 3 tim.
16 16 hoen cotton in car cut 2 tim.
1 1, Renty, gitten out timber for Gin house.
1 1 Nathan and Billa, thrashing sead Peas.
Nathan still not able to hoe on accoun of Biles.
lost 2 hours by Rain.

Tusday 27. a little clouday.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Renty, gitten timber.
17 17 Plowen corn in hart field 3 tim.
5 5 Dropen, planting Peas in hart field.
13 13 hoen cotton in car cut 2 time.
1 1, Nathan and Billa, thrashen out sead Peas.

Wednesday 28. warm and cloudy, hevey Rain in eveng.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in plac Suky.
17 17 Plowen corn in hart field 3 tim.
5 5 Dropen Peas in hart field.
13 13 hoen cotton in car cut 2 tim, got over all the cotten 2 tim at 9 oclocke, and went to hoen Newground corn.
1 I lost 3 hours by Rain. 1, Renty, gitten timber.
1 1, Nathan and Billa, thrashen Peas.

Thirsday 29. good deal of Rain last knight.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in place Suky.
17 17 Plowen corn in chinkepen cut 3 tim.

5 5 Dropen pease in chinkepen cut.
13 13 hoen Rice and replanting cotton low places, the low places dont do well as it is to wet.
1 1, Renty, gitten sills to go under shucke house.
1 1, Nathan and Billa, thrashing out Peas, good deal of Rain last knight.
1 haulin Timber for Gin house.

Friday 30. Clouday.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in Place of Suky.
17 17 Plowen Rattoon[6] cane and cotton in yard field 3 tim.
15 15 hoen cotton in car field 3 tim.
1 1, Renty, Gitten timber for Gin house, comenst to-day.
1 1 haulen in timber for Gin hous with Oxen.

Saterday 31. cler day, wind E.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in Place of Sukey.
14 14 Plowen cotton in Gin cut 3 tim.
3 3 Plowen Rice and New ground corn.
16 16 hoen cotton in car field 3 time.
Renty gitten timber and fixen gaits.
1 1 haulen timber for Gin house.

Sunday. June 1.

2 to stocke.

[6] See glossary.

Monday 2. little clouday, fine day for worke.

2 to stocke. Rachal cooken in place of Suky.
17 P[l]owen corn in car field 2 tim.
5 Dropen Peas in car field.
12 hoen cotton in car field 3 tim.
2 Gitten shingles for Gin hous.
1 haulen timber for Gin house.
1, Lear, cam in sicke at 10 oclock.

Tusday 3. Cloudy and drisley today.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in plac of Suky.
17 Plowen corn in car field 2 tim.
4 Dropen peas in car field.
12 hoen cotton in car field 3 tim.
2 Gitten shingles for Gin house.
1 haulen timber for Gin hous.
1 Lear, sicke.
Lost one Mule with colic.

Wednesday 4. fine day, cotton in Blossom.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in plac of Suky.
15 Plowen corn in Gin house field 3 tim.
2 Plowen Groun peas at car field.
1 Sowen Peas in Gin hous field.
15 hoen cotton in yard field 3 tim.
2 Gitten shingles for Gin house.
1 haulen timber for Gin hous.
1 Joe, came in sick, dropsical inclined.

Thirsday 5. Clear and warm, Lice leaven cotton, heavy Rain.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.
17 17 Plowen corn in Gin hous field until 12 oclock, then went to Plowen cotton Gin cut.
15 15 hoen cotton in yard field.
2 2 Gitten shingles for Gin house.
2 1 haulen timber, 1, Lear, sowen Peas, lost 3 hours by Rain today.

Friday 6. fine day.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in plac of Sukey.
17 17 Plowen corn in Gin hous field until 12 o'clocke, then went to Plowen cotton in Gin cut.
15 15 hoen cotton and Rattoon can[e] in yard field.
2 1 haulen timber. 1, Lear, soen Peas in Gin field.
2 2 Gitten Shingles for Gin house. 1, Joe, sicke. let Mr. Moxley have 4 Bushels sead Peas.

Saterday 7. shower, fine rain.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, cooken in place of Sukey.
15 Plowen an siden cotton in Turkey cut.
14 hoen cotton in yard field.
2 hands lend to Mr. J. Criste to hep rase his house, the worke to be returned.
1 haulen timber for Gin house.
2 Gitten Shingles for Gin house.

Sunday 8.

2 to stocke. fine day.

Monday 9. Clouday and warm, fin Rain.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
10 Plowen Ground peas and cotton in car cut.
7 Plowen cane and beding up for Potatoes.
15 Hoen cotton in cane field and Planting Potatoes.
3 Gitten shingles for Gin house.
1 haulen timber for Gin house. lost 2 hours by Rain.

Tusday 10. warm day, small Rain in the morn.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
10 Plowen cotton in car cut until 12 oclock, then went in car field.
7 Plows braken out midls in yard field cotton.
15 Planting Slips in morning and went to hoen cotton in yard and Gin cut.
3 Gitten shingles for Gin house.
1 haulen timber. Rain in the morning.

Wednesday 11. hevey washing Rain today.

2 to Stock, 1, Rachal, about house.
16 Plowen cotton in car field 4 tim.
15 Planting Pottatoes and hoen Potatoes.
1 Plowen Potatoes. lost 2 hours by Rain.
3 Gitten shingles. 1 haulen timber.

Thirsday 12. fine day for worke.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
17 Plowen cotton in car field 4 tim, finished at 5 oclock, went in yard field.

15 hoen the Negros Rice and l. Place in Cotton.
3 Gitten shingles for Gin house.

Friday 13. Clear, warm.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
13 Plowen cotton in yard field 4 tim.
15 hoen Rice and cotton in yard field.
3 Gitten Shingles for Gin house.
2 haulen timber with Mul wagon.
Mariah, Runaway.

Saterday 14. Clear warm day.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sicke today.
12 Plowen cotton in yard field till 12, then went to Plowen corn in chool house field.
18 hoen cotton in low places, extry time.
3 Gitten Shingles for Gin house.
2 haulen timber with mule team.
one Mule died with colicke.
1, Mariah, Runaway.

Sunday 15. hot and dry.

2 to stocke. Mr. J. Robinson brought Mariah up. I put her in Jaile, she boke the hinges, and Got out and run of.

Monday 16. warm and dry.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
12 12 Plowen corn in Chool hous field 4 time.

18 18 hoen cotton in Gin cut.
2 2 haulen timber with wagon.
1 1, Renty, worken fixen up plows and Gaits.
1 1 sowen Peas in chool hous field.
Mr. Lintons worke men comenst to fram Gin house.

Tusday 17. warm dry, hot, light Showe[r] of Rain.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
12 12 P[l]owen corn in school house field 4 time.
19 19 hoen cotton in Gin hous cut.
2 1 Sowen Peas. 1, Renty, gitten out timber.
6 of Mr. Lintons Negros worken on Gin house.
1 1, Dicke, haulen Planke from Turnbuls, 2000 feet; one load from sills Mill, 638 feet.

Wednesday 18. very hot and sult[r]y.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
15 15 P[l]owen corn in school house field. finished at diner, went in Hart field.
17 17 hoen cotton in Turkey cut.
1 1 cutten oats. 1, Renty, Gitten timber.

Thirsday 19. little shour of Rain today.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
15 Powen corn in hart field 4 time.
18 hoen cotton in turkey cut.
1 cutten oats. 1, Renty, gitten timber.

Friday 20. Cloudey.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
15 Plowen corn hart and chinkepen 4 tim.
17 hoen cotton in turkey cut.
2 cutten oats. 1, Renty, gitten timber.
4 haulen Bricke from Mr. J. Christies to under Pin Gin hous. The Bricke to be returnd this faul to Mr. Crista.

Saterday 21. C[l]oudey, warm Rain.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at hous.
15 Plowen cotton and cane in yard field.
17 Setten out Potatoes and hoen cane and Potatoes.
2 cutten oats. 1 Renty, dresing plan[k] 2 hauln oats.

Sunday 22. Clear and very warm day. This is a day to be long rememberd. the Lord Gave and the Lord tooke away. So Muste it Bee.

2 to stocke.

Mrs. Mary A. McCall Died at 6 oclock this morning, Wife of A. R. McCall, Overseer of Chemonia.

Monday 23. Very hot today.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
13 13 Plowen cotton in Gin cut.
19 19 hoen Ground peas.
2 2 cutten Oats. 2 haulen oats.

1 1, England, went to dig Grave.
1 1, Walis, went to drive cart with corps[e].
A. R. McCall absent today at berien.

Tusday 24. hot and dry.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, helpen to wash at house.
16 16 Plowen cotton Gin cut.
17 17 hoen cotton in car cut 3 tim.
3 2 cutten oats. 1, Renty, dresing planke.

Wednesday 25. hot and Dry.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, at house.
16 16 Plowen cotton in Turkey 4 time.
17 17 hoen cotton in car cut 3 time.
3 2 cutten oats, 1, Renty, dresing planke.
2 2 haulen in oats.

Thirsday 26. hot and dry.

3 2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, soen for Negros.
16 16 Plowen cotton in Turkey cut 4 tim.
17 17 hoen cotton in car cut 3 tim.
3 2 cutten oats. 1, Renty, dresing, wethe[r] bordes [i. e., weather boards].
2 2 haulen timber for Gin house.
2 came in, Poldo and Isac.

Friday 27. a little shour of rain in the evening.

2 to stocke. 1, Rachal, sowen for Negros.
16 Plowen in car cut 4 tim.

17 hoen cotton in car cut 3 tim.
2 cutten oats. 2, Sicke, Poldo, Isac.
2 haulen in oats.

[Here occurs a gap in the journal, represented by a blank page in the original. In this interval A. R. McCall died. The remainder of the journal is in the handwriting of Benjamin S. McCall who succeeded his father temporarily as overseer. See D. N. Moxley's letters to George Noble Jones of this time, printed in this volume.]

Journal of the work don on Chamonia, July.

Thursday 3. Clear wind N.

Sick None.
2 Stock. 2 hauling water.
Chesley[7] howing Rice in morning, evening howing Corn in Chinkeypen Cut of Corne.
Jim[7] plowing Cotton, Garden Cut. number of plowes working Gin house. Rachal working house. 1 Sick mule. Renty Mending plowes.

Friday 4. Clear, wind So.

2 Stock. 2 handes, oxen Cart, haulen Shingles.
1 boy with mule Cart hauling Shingles 2 loads.

[7] Chesley was the driver or foreman of the hoe gang, and Jim the foreman of the plough gang. Their names when mentioned by Benjamin S. McCall imply the inclusion of their respective gangs.

Jim plowing Negros hous Cotton, before twelve had 16 hands, evening 15. Renty dresing plank, Chesley howing Cotton, hart field, had 17 hands, 2 Suky, Jacob, little Dick. Rachal at house. 1 sick.

Saterday 5. Warm and Rainy.

Sick 2 Jacob, little Dick.
2 Stock. 2 handes, oxen Cart, hawling Shingles. 1 boy with mule Cart hawling Shingles, 2 loads [Water stains have made occasional words illegible].
18 Chesley howing Cotton in .... field in the morning, evening, choping around the house.
14 Jimb is Plowing in the Care field off corn un till 12 oclock, Choping about the house. Renty dresing Plank.

Monday 7th. Warme and Cloudy.

Sick, one, Coatany.
15 Plowes, Jimb finished the Care field by ten o clock plowing the grown pees [i. e., ground pees, peanuts,] finished by twelve today and comenst Plowing the Ne[w] Grow[n] house cotton. finished today the 7 July 1856.

Monday 7th. Clear, warm.

Chesley is hoing Corne and Cotton in the Care field. 17 handes today, 2 hawling with ox cart, 1, mule Cart, Shingles.
2 with the stock. Renty is working Lelisteenah. [i. e., at El Destino].

Tuesday 8th. warm.

Sick, one, Coatney.
15 Plowes Jimb is plowing in the newgrown Cotton and Potatoes to Day; finished by 12 oclock. Comenst plowing in the Gin house Cut of Cotton.
2 Stock. 2 with the oxen hawling Shingles. 1 mule carte hawling Shingles. 1, billey, is raking up leaves, the Plomens [i. e., Ploughmen] is Striping scad oats. 17 Chesley is hoing in the Care field of Cotton.

Wednesday 9th. Clair.

Sick, one, Coatney.
20 20 handes, Chesley, hoing Cotton and Ground Peas in the Care field, finished by 2 oclock today. Comenst hoing Cotton in the house field.
11 11 Jimb is Plowing Cotton in the Gin house field today.
4 mules hawling Plank today.
2 handes with the ox cart hawling Shingles. 2 with the Stock.
1 Billey raking leaves.
1 with mule Cart, hauling Shingles.
1 Renty is at work to the outher [i. e., other] Plantation. 1, Ishmel, tendes to the horse lot.

Thursday 10th. Rein, Wind So.

2 Sick, two, Coatney, Bey Boy [i. e., Brave Boy].
23 Chesley howing Cotton in house field.

10 Jimb Plowing Cotton in the Gin house field, ten handes.
1 Dick is hawling Plank today.
1 Billey is raking leaves today.
2 Propet and Sike, hawling Shingles.
1 Waulish is hawling Shingles with mule Cart today.
1 Renty is at the outher Plantation.
1 Seeser twendes to the hadges.

Friday 11th. hot and Clear, So.

3 Sick, 3, Coatney, Brey Boy, Billey.
12 Chesley hawling up Potatoes today.
8 Plowes, Jimb finished Gin house field today.
10 handes on the road today.
2 handes hawling leaves today with the oxen cart.
1 hawling Shingles with mule Carte.
2 minding Stock today.
1 tendes to the horse lot.

Saterday 12. Clear and warm.

2 Sick, two, Coatney, Billey.
12 Chesley hoing Cotton in Gin house field today.
8 Jimb plowing Cane untell three oClock today, finished the gin house Cotton toDay.
1 Dick hawling Plank from Mr. Turnbools Mill, 2000 feete today.
3 Stock minders Temper, Robert, Sesor.
12 handes on the road today.
2 handes hawling leaves today.

Mondy 14th. Clear and warm Wind.

2 Sick Joe, Andrew.
18 Chesley howing Cotton in the cane field today.
11 Jimb Plowing Cotton in the Heavvey newgrown today number of handes 11.
3 Stock minders, Dempes, Robert, Sesor.
6 Propet hawling leaves today, six loades.
1 Billey raking up leaves today.
1 Dick hawling Plank from Mr. Turnbools mill, 2000 feete of Plank.
2 Simond and Nathan runaway.
1 hand killdrying Plank toDay.

Tuesday 15th. Clear in Morning, Reign, So. Wind.

3 Sick Joe, Andrew, Minder.
15 Chesley howing Cotton in yeard field untill 12 oclock, Comenst hoing in the Gin house Cotton today.
16 Jimb Plowing Cotton in Hearvey[8] [?] field today untill 5 oclock.
1 Billey Raking leaves today.
3 Stock minders, Demps, Robert, Sesor.
1 Simond runaway yet, Nathan Com in this morning.
2 6 loades, Propet hawling leaves today.

Wensday 16th. warm and Reign, So.

6 Sick Joe, Andrew, minder, Esaw, filish, Caty, six sick today.

[8] The deciphering of this name is everywhere difficult. It seems to be intended for Harvey.

16 Jimb Plowing Hearvey field of Cotton in the morning, Comenst Plowing in the Care Cut of Cotton, evening.
11 Chesley hoing Gin house Cotton today.
2 Propet hawling leaves today.
3 Stock minders, Dempes, Robert, Sesor.
1 Simond runaway today.

Thursday 17th. Clear, Warm, No.

4 Sick, filish, Joe, Jacob, Esaw.
22 Chesley finished Gin house Cotton by 2 oclock. Comenst hoing hearvey field of Cotton today.
8 Plowes Jimb Plowing Cane Cut of Cotton.
3 Stock, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 hawling with oxen, leaves today.
1 Billey raking leaves today.
1 Simond was brought back toDay by Mr. D. N. Moxley.

Friday 18th. Clear and warm, Wind W.

3 Sick Jacob, Joe, filish.
18 Chesley hoing Cotton, Hearvey, today.
12 Jimb Plowing Cotton in Care cut toDay, runing twelve Plowes.
1 Racheal washing for the house.
3 Stock Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Billey raking leaves today.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.

Saterday 19th. Cloudey and warm, Wind So.

3 Sick, Joe, Clara, B. Martha.
20 Chesley finished the Hearvey field today; Comenst in Care cut of Cotton.
12 Jimb finished the Cane Cut of Cotton today.
3 Stock, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Racheal at house today.
1 Billey raking leaves today.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.
1 Dick hawlin Plank and meal today.
1 Clara had a fit, went for Dr. Parkil for her toDay.

Monday 21st. Clear, warm.

2 Sick, Joe, nerse Betty is sick.
23 Chesley finished the Care Cut of Cotton today. Comenst hoing rice in the yard field today, handes 23.
3 Stock minders, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Billey raking leaves today.
1 Dick hawling leaves today.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.
1 Renty working for Mr. J. Jones at Aldestina yet, sent Joe Down there sick.

Tuesday 22. Clear, warm, No.

3 Sick Billey, nerse Betty, Ingland.
8 Jimb Plowing Cotton in Care field today with seepes [i. e., sweeps. See glossary.]

22 Chesley hoing rise and cane today untill 12 oclock today. Comenst striping fodder in school lot.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.
1 Dick hawling leaves today.
1 Renty not home, is at Aldestino yet.

Wensday 23. Clear Windy, N. E.

1 Sick Ingland.
22 Chesley striping foder in school house field today.
8 Jimb plowing Cotton in Cane field today.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.
1 Dick hawling Plank today.
2 Renty and Joe is Alesteno yet.

Thursday 24th. Warm and reigning, East Wind.

1 Sick Mariah today.
22 Chesley finished Striping Fodder in School house field today.
8 Jimb finished Plowing Cotton in Care field by 3 oclock today. Comenst Plowing in yeard field today.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.
1 Billey killdrying Plank today.
30 raking horse lot this evening.

Friday 25th. reigning today, Wind So.

3 Sick Mariah, fanny, minder.
26 Chesley raking manuure in lot today all day, wet weather.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling wood today.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Billey killdrying plank today.
4 handes Spining, Martha, floriah, Nancy Bryant, Molley.
2 handes reparing Ditch today.

Saterday 26th. Clear, Wind So.

1 Sick Minder.
33 Chesley Pooling [i. e., pulling] fodder in heart field today.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves today.
1 Dick gon to mill today 1 load of Plank.
1 Billey killdrying Plank today.
Mr. O. H. Gadsden have 22 bushels of Corne.

[Sunday record omitted in the original.]

Monday 28th. Clear and warme, Wind, So.

3 Sick, filish [i. e., Phyllis], Peggey, Rachal.
33 Chesley finished the heart field today.
3 Stock minders, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Billey killdrying Plank.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves today.

Tuesday 29th. Clear, warm.

3 Sicke, filish, Peggey, Rachal.
33 Chesley finished the Chinkepen field today, Comenst in gin house cut Striping Fodder today.
3 Stock minders, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 Billey killdrying Plank.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves.

Wensday 30th. Clear in the morning, Evening reigns, Wind No.

3 Sicke, filish, Lear, rachal.
22 Chesley Pooling fodder in Gin house Cut today.
3 Stock minders, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling leaves and wood today to killdry Plank with.
1 Billey killdrying Plank today.
1 Renty reparing Gates and making feed troft this evening.

Thursday 31th. Clear and warm.

3 Sick, filish, Lear, rachal.
30 Chesley finished striping fodder in Gin hous field today.
3 handes giting out Shingles today.
3 Stock minders today.
2 hawling leaves today.
1 Billey killdrying Plank today.

August 1. Friday, Clear and Warme.

1 Sick Rachal.
29 Chesley Striping fodder in Care field today.
3 handes riving Shingles today.
3 Stock minders today.
1 Billey killdryin Plank today.
1 Brey Boy with Mr. Houston today, mixin up morter for him today.
2 handes hawling leaves today.

Saterday 2. Clear in the morning, reign and wind.

1 Sick, one, Rachal today.
29 Chesley finished stripin fodder in Care field by 12 oclock today. Went raking up horse lot to make maneuer.
3 Handes riving out Shingles today.
1 mixing up morter for Mr. Houston.
1 Killdrying Plank today.
2 Propet, Sike, gon to mill today.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.

Sunday 3d. Reign today.

2 Sick too, Rachal today, Coriah.
3 Stock minders today Sesor Dempes, Robert.

Monday 4th. warme and Reign today, wind S. Wes.

3 Sick Rachal, Cariah, Coatney.
30 Chesley finished taking up fodder in Gin house field today, Clearing land in holt corner for turnip patch, two wet to clane, raking up maneuer in lot.

2 handes riving out Shingles today.
1 hande Giting Basket oake[9] today.
3 handes hawling, two shingles, 1 leaves today.
3 Stock, Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
1 raking Leaves, Billey today.

Tuesday 5th. warme, Cloudy, Wind So.

1 Rachal Sick in house yet.
30 Chesley finished taking up fodder today by 2 oclock, Comenst Clearing land in hoalt corner today.
2 handes giting out timber for gin h.
1 hand giting out basket oake today.
1 Dick hawling leaves today.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling Shingles.
1 raking leaves today.
3 Stock minders, Seasor, Dempes, Robert.

Wednsday 6th. Warme and Clear today, No[rth] Wind.

1 Sick, Rachal, today.
18 Chesley howing Cotton in Cane field today.
10 Jimb Plowing Cotton in House field today.
2 handes hewing out timber for Gin house today.
2 handes reparing Cotton baskets to Pick Cotton in.
1 Dick hawling Bineh from Mr. Shines.
3 Stock minders today.
2 Propet, Sike, hawling Leaves.
1 with Mr. Houston to day.

[9] Making long strips ("splits") of white oak, for weaving into cotton baskets.

Thursday 7th. Warme and reigning today, Wind S. Eas.

1 Sick, Racheal in house yet.

18 Chesley finished Care field by 1 oclock today, Comenst hoing in Gin House field of Cotton today.

10 Jimb finished the House field of Cotton by 10 oclock today. Comenst Plowing in Gin house field of Cotton today.

2 handes is reparing baskets today.

2 Handes is hewing out timber for gin house.

1 Dick hawling Brick from Mr. Shines. 1000 Brick in all I recieved of him.

3 Stock minders, Seasor, Dempes, Robert.

2 Hawling Lieaves today.

1 Mr. Houston today hand.

Friday 8th. Clear and warm, wind S. W.

1 Sick, Rachal, toDay.

18 Chesley finished hoing yeard field an Comenst in Gin house field of Cotton today.

10 Jimb finished Plowing Ginhouse field Comenst in Hearvey field of Cotton.

2 handes giting out timber for gin house today.

2 handes making Baskets today.

3 Stock minders, Dempes, Robert Seasor.

1 Dick Gon to mill toDay for meal.

2 hawling Leaves today.

1 hand with Mr. Houston toDay.

Saterday 9th. Clear and warm today, wind S. E.

1 Sick, Rachal, today.
3 Stock minders, Seaser, Dempes, Robert.
I given the negros a diner today, killed one sheep, 2 kidds, 1 Shoat today for ther Diners today.

Sunday 10th. warm and Cowdy, wind S. W.

1 Sicke, Rachal, today.
3 Stock minders today.

Monday 11th. Clear and warme, litle Cloudy, wind S. W.

2 Sick, Friner, Rachal.
3 Stock minders Sesor, Dempes, Robert.
4 Handes hewin out timber today.
2 handes hawling Lieaves, oxen carte.
2 Handes hawling Plank and timber.
2 handes making baskets today.
10 Jimb finished Plowing Hearvey field by 12 oclock, Comenst in Care cut of Cotton today.
14 Chesley Picking Cotton, average [blank].
2 handes working for Mr. J. Robinson.

Tuesday 12th. Warme Clowdey and reign wind S. W.

2 Sick, Rachal, Brey boy.
10 Jimb finished Plowin Care field by 10 oclock, Comenst striping som yong fodder today.
18 Chesley Picking Cotton, yard field.
3 hawling trash in Lot today.

2 Gon with the waggon for 2 windows[?].
2 Making baskets today.
4 Handes hewing out timber for Gin house to make platform.
3 Stock minders, Seasor, Dempes, Robert.
2 handes working for Mr. J. Robinson.

Wensday 13th. warme and Clowdey wind S. W.

3 Sick, Rachal, Brey Boy, Molley.
2 Handes making Baskets today.
2 handes with oxen Carte hawling Lieaves.
2 handes Gon to hawl the [illegible] home.
4 handes hewing timber for Gin house.
3 Stock minders, Seasor, Dempes, Robert.
2 handes working for Mr. J. Roberson.
24 Chesley Picking Cotton, yeard field.

CHEMONIE TABULATIONS, 1855-1856

THE SLAVES AND THEIR AGES

List of Negroes on George Jones' Chamowni Plantation.[1]

	Age.		Age.
Chesley, Driver	38	Andrew	12
Molly	26	Daphne	9
Isham, born April 1855		William	1
L. Martha	13	Simon	31
Rosanna	11	Caesar	41
Patience	9	Rachael	40
Florida	7	Mary Ann	19
Demps	15	Suckey	17
England	33	L. Robert	7
Sarah	42	Ned	5
Isaac	17	Little Caesar	3
(Doll)	10	Prophet	50
Rinah	8	Cinder	41
Syke	14	Joe	15
Jacob	33	L. Renty	43
George	6	Leah	47
Sykey	3	Flora	24
Nancy Bryant	40	Alic	5
Abby	15	Ben, born May 7, 1855	

[1] In the handwriting of George Noble Jones.

	Age		Age
Dick	18	(Amos)	4
Brave Boy	18	(Griffin)	2
Wallace	14	Tathy Sep. 1 1855	
Ishmael	12	Kate	34
Ferma	10	Betty	17
B. Dick	30	Matilda	15
Fanny	26	Boston	13
Frank	10	Lymas	10
Sophy	7	Jenny	9
Eve	5	Tiner	6
Pussy	3	Deannah	4
Abram	1	O. Sucky	55
Cupid	60	L. Sarah	17
O. Billy	60	Phoebe	17
N. Betty	50	B. Peggy	65
Esau	18	N. Peggy	67
Binah	18	Minder	35
Nathan	23	Jim	24
Coatney	17	Martha	20
Pollidore	21	Thomas	1½
L. Maria	25	L. Phillis	27
Lucy	11	(York)	10
Robert	8	Rachael	5
Mary	6		

SCHEDULE OF SLAVES FOR THE WEEKLY ISSUE OF RATIONS

Allowance List of Meal and Meat for 1856.[2]

	[Meal] Pecks	Meat Pounds
Chesley and family	3	6½
Simon, Phillis, B. Peggy and 4 children	5	7½
England and family	4	5
Nathan and Coatney	2	5
Isaac	1	2½
Jacob and family	4	7
Esaw and Binah	2	5
O. Betty, O. Billy and family	6	9
Caesar and family	4¾	7½
Prophet, Joe and Cinder	3	7
Cupid	1	2½
B. Dick and family	4	5
Flora	1½	2½
Mínda	1	2½
Kate and family	6½	9½
Nurse Peggy	2	4½
Maria and Pollidor	4¼	5
L. Renty, Leah and two children	4	7
L. Dick	1	2½
Brave Boy	1	2½
Wallace	1	2
Jim and family	2½	5

[2] In the handwriting of John Evans.

Sucky	1	2½
L. Sarah	1	2
O. Sucky	1	2½
Frank	1	
pecks.....	68	119½

equal to 17 Bushels. Pounds of Meat

Take off ½ lb. when you give a Pint of Syrup.

SLAVE BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1855-1856

Births and Deaths on Chemoonie in 1855.[3]

March 13th, Fanny was delivered of a Male Child, 1855.
April 23d Molly was delivered of a Male Child, 1855.
May 7th, Florer was deliverd of a Male Child, 1855.
Septr. 2d Marir was deliverd of a female Child, 1855.
Septr. 15, L Betty was deliverd of female Child, 1855.
Octr. 5th, Sally was deliverd of a Female child, 1855.
March 28, 1856 Martha was delivered of a Mail Child, 1856.

Deaths on Chemoonie.

Old Man Abram died today, 20 minutes Past 12 oclock. I had him deacenly Buried June 15th, 1855.
L. Bettys infant died today, it did not come to its time. Septr. 19th, 1855.
December 21st, Martha's infant died at night at 12 oclock.
Febuary 5, 1856, Amos, son of Mariah Died this moring, 3 Oclocke.

[3] In the handwriting of John Evans. The list for 1856 is incomplete.

Febuary 6, Griffin, son of Mariah Died this morning, 4 Oclocke.

Febuary 9, 1856, Dolley daughter of Sariah, Died.

Febuary 10, Yorke, Son of Philis, Died.

THE WORKING CORPS

Working Hands.[4]

Hoe Hands.		Plough Hands.	
B. Dick		Jim Foreman	
England		Martha	
Jacob		Sucky	
Simon		L. Sarah	new
Polledore		Brave Boy	
Nathan		L. Dick	
Esaw		Maria	
Leah		Phoebe	new
Coatney		Matilda	
Rachal	¾	Betty	
Minder		Fanny	
Nancy Bryant		Binah	
Cinder	¾	Isaac	new
Wallace	½	Big Sarah	
Joe	½	Phillis	
Boston	½	Flora	
Abby	½	Molly	
Andrew	½	Mary Ann	
	15		18

[4] In the handwriting of John Evans.

La Fayette Renty, Carpenter.
Caesar, Stock minder.
Nurse Betty minds children and Midwife.
Kate Cook for Hands.
O. Billy rakes leaves.
Sucky cook for overseer.
Frank helps the cook.

INVENTORY OF LIVE-STOCK, IMPLEMENTS AND FOODSTUFFS

A List of Ploughs, Stock and soforth on Chemonie Plantation.[6]

Plough Mules	18
Cattle	35
Bulls	1
Sheep	47
Breeding Sows	34
Stock Boars	1
Shoats	38
Pigs	52
hogs to kill, in the pen	28
Goats	15
Turn Ploughs	23
two horse ploughs	2
Shovel Stocks	18
wide Shovels	16

[6] In the handwriting of John Evans.

Solid Sweeps	31	
Scuters	9	
Narrow Shovels	19	
Small ploughs for cotton planting	5	
Single trees	23	
Cleves [i. e., clevises] and pins	16	
Hames and traces	20	pr.
Bridles	21	
Curry Combs	17	
Sugar Mills	1	
one Set of sugar Skimmers	1	
Sugar furnace	1	
Grind stones	1	
weeding hoes	25	
Axes	8	
Waggons	2	
Ox Carts	1	
horse Carts	1	
Cradles	1	
Bush hooks	1	
Carpenters tools in the care of renty.		
Grubing hoes	6	
Spades	6	
Shovels	6	
one Set of Black Smith tools.		
one Large par of Stilyards [i. e., steelyards].		
one Small pair in smoke house for weighing allowance.		

one Pair of Patent Balances at gin house.	
Syrup	11 Barrels
Vinegar	1 Ba.
Rice	42 bushels
Sugar	2 Barrels

SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY AND SENT FROM THE PLANTATION

[Articles received.]

Septr 12th, Received one bale of bagging and 4 coils of rope from Eldesteno.

Septr. 17, Received one Gin band from the Tallahassee R. R. Depot.

Octr. 5th, Recd. 6 hanks of twine and 10 coils of rope.

Octr. 26th, Recd. one bale of bagging and the Negro shoes from Eldesteno.

December 14th, Received 1 bale of Negro Cloth for Negroes winter clothing.

December 24th, Received 12 Sacks of Salt from Messrs. McNaught and Ormond, Newport [Fla.], and one keg of 12 penny Nailes.

Jany. 7th, 1856. Received 12 turn plough points from Mr. George Jones for his Chemoonie place.[7]

Jany. 21, Received—1 Broad ax. 2 hand hatchets, 1 cross cut saw file, 2 hand saw files, 18 Curry Combs, 2 Spining wheels, 2 pair of Cotton Cards. ½ side of leather, 1 gallon castor oil, 1 lb. of Flax seed, ½ lb. Salt peter.[8]

[7] Thus far in the handwriting of John Evans.

[8] This entry appears to be in the handwriting of George Noble Jones.

Recorded by A. R. McCall Overseer.

Jan. 22, 1856. Recived 6 sacks of Salt. 1 fut Adds [i. e., foot adze], 1 drawing knife, 6 Axes.

January 23, 1856. Recived load of Briars[9] from Col. Gadsden. 17½ yards Cotton osnaburgs[10] from Alistena [i. e., El Destino]. 16½ yards Cotten Bagen [i. e., bagging] from Alesteana.

January 28. Recive of Hopkins and Meginis one 5 Gallon Pot for Chemoonie Plantation.

Febuary 4, 1856. Recived 10 and 1/3 yards of Osnaburs[10] from Elisteanah to make Collers [i. e., mule collars].

Febuary 6. Recived 5 New par of hams [i. e., hames] that was sent to shop at [blank] to be Irond.

Febuary 15, Recived three cans of Potash for Plantation.

1 Spining wheel head for Plantation. Recived 8 planke to Cerbe the well.

March 1, Recived 16 Planke 18 feet long for Negor hous.

" 6, Recived 6 clives [i. e., clevises] and pins.

" 12, Recived 18 Planke 18 feet long for Negro houses.

Recived 5 Old Scuter plows from Alesteanah [i. e., El Destino].

March 19, Recived 13 Planke 18 feet long for Negro houses one wagon sheat for Diche.

" Recived 10 rufedg [i. e., rough-edge] Planke to gable end the Negro houses.

Aprial 21, Recived 18 Plow Points from El Distino.

Aprial 26, Recived 5 Barel of fish from El Distino.

Aprial 1. Recived one Bottle of vinegar. 1 Bottle of mustard. 12 vials of vermafuge.

[9] Doubtless intended for use in setting a hedge.

[10] See glossary.

Aprial 20. Recived 1 bottle of Mustard. 12 vials of vermafuge.

May 3. Recived 5 pounds of Coprias from El Distina. 1 Bottle of Cian Pepper from El Distino.

June 15. Recived one kege of Nails from El Distino. Recived 10 lb. of 10 Peny Nails from Mill.

June 21. Recived 3 kegs of Nails of Hopkins and McGines, Tallahassee, and 20 lb. of 40 Peny Nails. 1 set of Mach Plains. 6 Pear of buts and screws.

August 6. Recived one bottle of vinegar [from] Eldistino.[11]

Articles sent of[f] ove the Place.

January 27, 1856. one Barel of Syrup sent to Elisteanah. two Bushels of Ground peas sent to Elisteanah.

March 1, one Dimajon of Syrup sent to J. Robesons.

" 6, one can of Pottash caried to Alesteanah by Mr. G. Jones.

" 15, 2 Bushels of Rice to Mr. G. Jones. 2 Bushels Groun peas to Mr. G. Jones.

" 12, 2 Bushels Groun peas, 2 Bushels of Rice, 1½ Bushels of Pottatotoes sent by Millwagon to Alisteanah.

" 19, 15 Bushels of Ground peas to Dr. Parkill. 15 Bushels of Ground peas to Alesteanah.

" 27, 1 Barel of Syrup to El Disteno. 1 load of Foder to Mill.

March 27, Sent to El Distino 2 Bushe Rice for sead.

Aprial 1, Sent to El Distino 4 Bushels of Rice by Dicke.

[11] This entry is in the handwriting of Benjamin S. McCall.

Aprial 21, Sent to Tallahasee to Hopkins and McGines 1 Barel of lard. Sent to Tallahasee to Mr. Gambles two Bushels Rice.

June 15, let Mr. J. Cristay have 5 Bushels Peas. let Mr. J. Branch have 3 Bushels Peas.

July 26, let Mr. O. H. Gadsden have 22 bushels of Corne.[12]

EQUIPMENT ISSUED, 1856

Articles given out on Plantation in 1856.

Curry Combs

Dick	1	Matilda	1	Phillis	1
Sucky	1	Betty	1	Flora	1
Sarah	1	Fanny	1	Molly	1
Brave Boy	1	Binah	1	Mary Ann	1
L. Dick	1	Isaac	1	Jim	1
Maria	1	Big Sarah	1	Martha	1
Phoebe	1				

Blankets

Sukey and George	1	Kates	1	Nancy Bryant	1
		L. Phillis	1	Rosannah	1
Rachael	1	B. Sarah	1	Frank	1
L. Mariar	1				

Jany. 21, Gave Renty — A broad Ax, 2 hand hatchets, 2 gimblets. 1 cross cut saw file, 2 hand saw files.

Maria — a Spining wheel and 2 cards.

Fanny — " " " "

[12] This entry is in the handwriting of Benjamin S. McCall.

Pots to Betty, Prophet and L. Sarah.

Grind Stone for the use of the Plantation.[13]

Jany. 23, give out drawn [i. e., drawing] knife to Renty and fut ads [i. e., foot adze].

old ax Retur. Englant, one new ax.
old ax Retur. Simon, one New Ax.
Esaw, one New Ax.
Nathan, one New Ax.
old ax Retur. Poldo, one New Ax.
Give Isaac, Poldo's old Ax.
Jacop, one New ax.

Febuary 1, 1856, Give Cooke for hand[s,] 1 large Iron Pot for use of Plantation.

Chemonia, August 12th, 1856. Cloath to make Cotton Pickin Bages; names of handes got.[14]

Molley	1½	Bag	Leear	1	Bag
Biner	1½	Bag	Walish	1	Bag
Nancy Bryant	1 quarter	Bag	Ishmel	1	Bag
Abby	1	Bag	B. martha	1½	Bag
Ander	1 yeard	Bag	B. Sariah	1	Bag
B. rose	1½	Bag	Friner	1	Bag
L. marthar	1 quarter	Bag	Isike	1	Bag
Mary an	1	Bag	mariah	1½	Bag
Sinder	1	Bag	Floriah	1	Bag
Coatney	1½	Bag	Sariah	1	Bag
Faney	1½	Bag	Pheaby	1	Bag
minder	1 quarter	Bag	maytilder	1	Bag

[13] Thus far in the handwriting of John Evans; the entries from January 23 to February 1 are in the writing of A. R. McCall.

[14] In the handwriting of Benjamin S. McCall.

Betsy	1	Bag	Esaw	1
Filish	1	Bag	England	1
L. Dick	1		Simond	1
Brey Boy	1		Nathan	1
Jimb	1		Rachal	1
B. Dick	1		Jake	1
Polder	1			

THE CAST OF CROPS, 1855

Land to be Cultivated in 1855 on Chemoonie by John Evans Overseer.

Corn fields.

Gin house Field	100 acres
Turkey Field	100 acres
Hart Field	85 "
School house Field	75 "

Cotton Fields.

Car Field	130 acres
House Field	60 "
Car Cut	95 "
Gin house cut.	95 "

Other fields.

Potatoes	7 "
Sugar Cain	7 "

Oats fields.

Hart old Field	30 acres
Car place	75 "
Road Field	50 "

THE CAST OF CROPS, 1856

Land to be cultivated in 1856[15]

Corn		
School House	85 acres	
Hart Field	75	
Chinkepin	50	
Turkey	30	
Gin Cut	95	
Pond	4	
Car Place	40	
	379	379
Cotton		
Car Place	80	
House Field	60	
Car Cut	95	
Gin Field	80	
Turkey Cut	40	
	355	355
Oats		
Road Cut	50	
Hart Old Field	30	
	80	80

[15] In the handwriting of John Evans.

Sugar Cane and Potatoes

House Field	7 acres	
" "	7	
	14	14

Ground Peas

Pond Field	25	25
	Total	853

THE YIELD OF ANCILLARY CROPS, 1855

Corn and Fodder Saved in 1855[16]

Corn Gatherd out of Gin house field	1000[17]
Corn Gatherd out of hart field	1188
Corn Gatherd out of school house field	1135
Corn Gatherd out of Turkey Field	1000
	4,323

Fodder, Fifty double Stacks.

Cow peas	75 bushels
Ground peas	85 bushels
Oats	138 bushels rough
Rice	56 bushels rough
Potatoes	1000 bushels

[16] In the handwriting of John Evans.

[17] This presumably means bushels in the husk, equivalent to half as many bushels in the ear and one-fourth as many of shelled corn.

THE COTTON OUTPUT, 1855

Cotton Bales Sent off in 1855[18]

No.						
	1	536	28	510	55	474
	2	536	29	492	56	472
	3	460	30	462	57	472
	4	500	31	500	58	440
	5	506	32	476	59	460
	6	502	33	456	60	440
	7	554	34	452	61	436
	8	542	35	450	62	450
	9	502	36	440	63	436
	10	500	37	440	64	470
	11	506	38	450	65	430
	12	488	39	442	66	440
	13	496	40	472	67	434
	14	518	41	442	68	432
	15	502	42	470	69	480
	16	500	43	470	70	430
	17	512	44	450	71	432
	18	450	45	470	72	452
	19	460	46	486	73	498
	20	516	47	470	74	500
	21	480	48	464	75	470
	22	510	49	472	76	440
	23	460	50	480	77	440
	24	526	51	450	78	482
	25	452	52	472	79	486
	26	506	53	492	80	526
	27	480	54	470	81	472

[18] In the handwriting of John Evans.

No.	82	514	98	490	114	411
	83	452	99	470	115	490
	84	472	100	472	116	460
	85	502	101	470	117	420
	86	478	102	452	118	447
	87	480	103	500	119	447
	88	512	104	485	120	467
	89	480	105	470	121	459
	90	480	106	490	122	420
	91	472	107	460	123	448
	92	482	108	410	124	440
	93	500	109	415	125	420
	94	484	110	490	126	445
	95	490	111	430	127	445
	96	480	112	421	128	160
	97	480	113	430		

PORK, 1855[19]

Weights of hogs Killed in 1855

No.	1	152	10	178	19	144
	2	162	11	162	20	142
	3	160	12	166	21	184
	4	148	13	150	22	196
	5	174	14	144	23	122
	6	100	15	162	24	170
	7	176	16	176	25	196
	8	152	17	130	26	178
	9	162	18	136	27	144

[19] In the handwriting of John Evans.

No.						
	28	138	41	95	54	154
	29	168	42	85	55	114
	30	146	43	104	56	70
	31	130	44	141	57	120
	32	166	45	102	58	158
	33	150	46	108	59	94
	34	152	47	158	60	126
	35	124	48	142	61	131
	36	144	49	103	62	86
	37	132	50	136	63	95
	38	136	51	100	64	118
	39	100	52	138	65	104
	40	150	53	130		

SUNDRY LISTS OF SLAVES AND OTHER PROPERTY

A LIST OF THE SLAVES IN THE BEQUEST OF THOMAS SAVAGE[1]

19th June 1832.[2] List of Negroes secured to Mary W. Savage by settlement at the time of her intermarriage with Wm. B. Nuttall.

Flanders		Ben		Polly, sent by Wm. B. N. to New Orleans and sold.	
Nancy	dead	Nancy			
Lisey		Mary			
Anthony	dead	Mariah			
Jerrimy		Jane	dead	Celia	dead
Barac		Phillis		Lucy	
George		Abram		Phillis	
Tyra	dead	Harry	dead	Jack (exchanged for Prince Habersham)	
Di		Tom (sold to R. Habersham)			
Judy				Prince	
Sally		Frank	dead	Amy	
George Ann	dead	Old Jack	dead	Venus	
Charlotte		Tamar		Aberdeen	
Jenny		Hannah	dead	Primus	
Venus	dead			Pussy	dead
Flora	dead				

[1] See Introduction, section IV.

[2] This date is that of the marriage settlement. The list was written in or after 1845 with a view to use in litigation. These slaves were in the corps of El Destino.

Nancy		Charles	Ansel
Joe		Nanny	Alice
Lucy	dead	Charlotte	Mary
Delia		Sary	Abram
Philip	dead	Phillis	

Total 54 negroes.

An undivided moiety belonging to Mrs. Mary Savage.

Of the negroes secured by marriage settlement with W. B. N.[uttall] the following had been the property of G. Jones, Jany, 1845.

Prince	Phillis	Aberdeen	Nancy
Habersham	Maria	Tamar	Charles
Mary	Venus	Flanders	Lucy
Abram	Primus		

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13 negroes; and 15 of the original Thos. Savage [bequest] had died up to 1845, showing that G. J. had bought in Mrs. N.'s moiety.

LISTS OF PROPERTIES COVERED BY MORTGAGES GIVEN BY WILLIAM B. NUTTALL TO THE UNION BANK OF FLORIDA, 1834 and 1835

1. Mortgage of March 1, 1834 — amount $27,600

[Lands:]

S. W. ¼	Sec.	31	T.	1	R.	3	N.	and	E.
W. ½ S. E. ¼	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
E. ½ S. E. ¼	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
S. W ¼	Sec.	32	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
North ½	Sec.	6	T.	1	R.	3	S.	and	E.
W. ½ S. W. ¼	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
E. ½ S. E. ¼	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
West ½	Sec.	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

[Slaves]:

A	Pleasant	A	Charles		Amelia
	Isam		Sim		Minney
	Dudley		Jocosin		Katy
	Sam		Henderson		Natty
	Ben		Munday		Esther
	Ralph		Demps		Ann
	Tom		Charles		Aggy
	William		Robert		Winney
A	Nat		Ephraim		Phillis
	Abram	A	Young		Tempe
	Nelson	A	Betsey		Eliza
	Cheslie	A	Susan	A	Jane
	Lewis		Mary		Nancy
	Ephraim		Amity		Hannah

Mary Jane	Giles	Davy
Martha	Jim	Griffin
Isham	John	Stephen
Aleck	Melinda	Pleasant
Daniel	Rachael	Coleman

Those marked A have been released and others substituted in.

2. Mortgage of 22 Nov., 1834 — amount $13,500.

[Lands]

W. ½	N.	E. ¼	Sec. 7	T. 4	R. 4	S.	and	E.
W. ½	N.	W. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
W. ½	S.	W. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
E. ½	S.	W. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
W. ½	S.	E. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
E. ½	S.	E. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
E. ½	N.	W. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
E. ½	N.	E. ¼	"	"	"	"		"
W. ½	N.	W. ¼	Sec. 8	"	"	"		"
	S.	W. ¼	"	"	"	"		"

remortgage of slaves mortgaged, March 1834.

3. Mortgage 24 Jan., 1835 — amount $3,600.

Barrack	Sarah and Child	Judy
Charles	Coelia	Maria
Jimmey	Venus	Alice Grey

126 Shares [of Union Bank stock] secured upon the land and negroes in the annexed mortgages, being for additional stock.

4 Mortgage Wm. B. Nuttall to Union Bank, dated 21st May, 1835 — to secure $ 8000, payable 12 months after date.

Negroes mortgaged:

Hary	aged	60	Juno	aged	17
Abraham	"	50	Pillis	"	20
Anthony	"	42	Dye	"	16
Joe	"	40	Mary Constantine	"	19
Flanders	"	36	Nanny Bartow	"	16
George	"	34	Nancy Beverly	"	14
Prince Savage	"	32	Tamer	"	20
Prince Habersham	"	35	Lucy and Child	"	19
Ben	"	25	Phillis and Child	"	24
Phillis	"	21	Esther	"	42
Frank	"	37	Primus	"	12
Eliza	"	60	Aberdeen	"	10
Mary	"	33	Ancil	"	9
Delia	"	32	Phillis	"	10
June	"	33	Abraham	"	3
Tyre and Child, Amy,		28	Cato	"	8
Daphe	"	20	Sally	"	10
Hannah	"	35	Charlotte	"	5
Flora	"	44	Abraham	"	18
Nancy and Child	"	20			

LIST OF SLAVES IN WHOM MRS. SAVAGE AND HER DAUGHTER, MRS. GEORGE NOBLE JONES, EACH HAD AN UNDIVIDED HALF-INTEREST, 1841

The following is an Inventory and Appraisement of the personal Estate of Mary Savage deceased made by us in Jefferson County April 1841. Being an undivided moiety in Fifty five slaves.

	Whole value	half
Prince Habersham	500	250
Mary	300	150
Jimmy	800	400
Barac	800	400
Maria and Child Edward	700	350
Phillis	400	200
Cato	300	150
Johnny (dead)	300	150
Robert	200	100
Abram	400	200
George	400	200
Tyra and Child Molly	400	200
Diana and Child Mary Ann	700	350
Judy	400	200
Charlotte	275	137½
Sally	400	200
Jackson	300	150
Benah	225	112½

	Whole value	half
Harry	150	75
Nancy Flora	450	225
Tom	300	150
Cela (dead)	500	250
Betsey	200	100
Catharine	250	125
Lucy	500	250
Cuddy	275	137½
Jenny	250	125
Tamar	500	250
Daphne (at Chemonie)	400	200
John	150	75
Jonas	200	100
Matilda	200	100
Prince Savage	450	225
Venus and Child Jack	700	350
Amy	350	175
Primus	650	325
Aberdean	500	250
Harry	150	75
Phillis McQueen	500	250
Bess	225	112½
Polly	200	100
Flanders	350	175
Ester	250	125
Ben Mongen	800	400
Joe	300	150

	Whole value	half
Nanny	500	250
Delia	350	175
Charles	900	450
Nanny	500	250
Susannah	$225	112½
Elizabeth	200	100
	20,225	10,112½
An undivided moiety in Fifty-five slaves		$10.112½
Also two slaves, Phillis and Child Ansel, the sole property of the late Mary Savage		900
		$11,012½

April 3d, 1841 — Tom Peter Chairs, Edward Footman } Appraisers

GEO. JONES Administrator of the Estate of Mary Savage.

Territory of Florida
Jefferson County ss.

I William Budd Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson County, do hereby certify that the preceding pages contain a true and correct copy of the Inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of Mary Savage deceased, as filed in my Office by her administrator George Jones. —

In witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and annex the seal of said Court this twentieth day of January, A. D. 1842.

WM. BUDD, Clk.

SLAVE FAMILIES ON CHEMONIE IN 1841

List of Negroes at George Jones' Chemonie Plantation April 5th, 1841.[3]

La Fayette Renty	Bass Davy
Harriet and infant	Simon
Flora	
Dick	Old Ben
Brave Boy	
	Cupid
Minda (wife of Jacob)	Sukey
	Maria
Chesley	
Eve	Rose
Demps	William
Peggy	Driver Billy
Dicky	Betty
Daphne	Maria
Phoebe	Binah
Cow Renty	Ben Mongin
Kate and infant	Short-foot Billy
Peggy	
Betty	Blind Peggy
	Sappo
Phillis (Renty's cousin)	England
July	Francis

[3] These tables of 1841 are taken from the back pages of the Chemonie journal for that year.

The brackets doubtless indicate family grouping.

Jacob	Prophet
Netta and infant	Cinda and infant (Joe)
Caroline	Juno
Kate	17 men who draw clothes
Coleman	17 women
	16 children
Sarah	—
Jim	50

INDUSTRIAL RATING OF CHEMONIE SLAVES, 1841

Working hands.[4]

La Fayette Renty	1	Rose	1
Harriet	1	Eve	1
Minda	1	Maria	1
Chesley	1	Ben Mongin	1
Dick	1	Prophet	1
Cow Renty	1	Cinda	1
Kate	1	Sarah	1
Phillis	1	Jacob	1
Simon	1	England	1
Sukey	¾	Coleman	1
Maria	1	Netta	¾

[4] In the original of this list the designation of July as hogminder and the name of Flora have been added in pencil; the ratings of Davy, Billy and Billy Short-foot appear to have been written ½ and then revised to ¾ by inking over. The corner of the Page where the ratings of Betty (cook) and Peggy (nurse) may have been written has been worn away, and likewise no rating appears for Flora.

Daphne	¾	July, hogminder	½
Peggy, Blind	½	Cupid	¾
Old Ben	¾	Betty, Cook	
Davy	¾	Peggy Nurse	
Billy	¾	Flora	
Billy Shortfoot	¾		

TALLY OF DAYS LOST FROM SICKNESS BY CHEMONIE SLAVES, 1841

Sick list, Chemoune.[5]

	Days lost		Days lost		Days lost
Maria	68	Simon	12	Old Ben	2
Harriett	73	Davy	23	Sary	20
Chesley	23	Cupit	15	England	4
Eve	39	Suckey	45	B. Peggy	16
Minder	66	B. Mungin	10	Netty	48
L. Renty	17	L. Billy	13	Coleman	3
Dicky	7	D. Billy	35	Daphney	37
C. Renty	6	Rose	8	Old Peggy	6
L. Cate	23	L. Maria	14	Cate	0
Phillis	11	Prophet	51		
July	15	Cinder	13		

[5] In this list as it stands at the end of the Chemonie journal of 1841, in a column parallel to the foregoing, the statistics are partly in tally form and partly summarized in Arabic numerals. In this printing they are wholly summarized.

In the course of the year the following women in the list bore children: Harriett, Minder and Netty.

SUMMARY OF COTTON-PICKING RECORDS, CHEMONIE, 1842.[6]

Cotton Acount, 1842.

	Ferina	10,190	
	L. Maria	9,529	
	Netta	9,225	
	Fanny	9,180	
Time lost,	Harriet	9,165	being in family way.
	Rose	9,146	
	B. Maria	9,125	
	L. Fillis	8,397	
Time lost,	Simon	7,750	packing cotton and other Jobs.
	Cinda	7,463	
Time lost,	Suky	7,345	Makeing Negro Cloths.
" "	L. Renty	6,945	packing Cotton.
	Suky	6,554	
	Abram	6,501	
" "	Minda	6,378	from being in family way.
" "	C. Renty	6,216	packing Cotton.
	Cupit	6,139	
	Davy	5,878	
" "	B. Mongin	5,441	packing Cotton.
" "	Eve	5,411	from being in family way.
" "	Prophet	5,123	
	Florer	4,711	
	S. Billy	4,393	
" "	Caty	4,104	from being in family way.
	B. Peggy	3,797	

[6] This follows a detailed tabulation, not here printed, at the end of the Chemonie journal of 1841.

Time lost	Joe	3,598	at other work.
"	" Will	2,510	Driveing Gin.
"	" O. Billy	2,008	handing Cotton for Gin.
"	" Patty	1,992	Minding Mules.
"	" Jacob	657	from Gining and his hand cut.
		184,871	
		16,500	
		200,371	

Returnd work, Cotton picked out by John Harts hands and gause hands, and Cotton not weighed.

SLAVES AND OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. NUTTALL, SOLD AT FORECLOSURE, 1844.[7]

Copy of Edwin and Dorsey's ac[count] sales of negroes, lands and personal property of the Estate of W. B. Nuttall, Feby. 12th, 1844.

	Property	Purchasers	$ cts.
1 Negro man	William	Geo. Jones	725.
5 Negroes viz.	Winney, Natt, Coatney, Tom, Charlotte	Geo. Jones	830.
3 " viz.	Aggy, Davy, Polly	" "	1130.

[7] With the exception of a single slave, all the property was bought in by George Noble Jones. The slaves comprised Nuttall's portion of the El Destino corps.

	Property	Purchasers	$ cts.
1 Negroes	Sim	" "	610.
5 "	Melia, Eliza, Priscilla, Richard and Jimmey	" "	920.
1 "	Henderson	Smith	500.
4 "	Dudley, Phillis, Harry and Clary	Geo. Jones	510.
1 "	Ephraim	" "	700.
1 "	Bob	" "	680.
5 "	Tempe, Heyward, Lewis, Dolly and Mary Ann	" "	1110.
7 "	Ben Jackson, Emely, Daniel, Samuel, James, Winney and Penny	" "	2000.
4 "	Mary Isham, Isham, Martha and Albert	" "	1520.
3 "	Nancy, Louisa, and Phoebe	" "	810.
1 "	Chesley	" "	630.
3 "	Easter, Hetty, and Sceley	" "	850.
1 "	Stephen	" "	610.
1 "	Pleasant	" "	640.

	Property	Purchaser's	$ cts.
1 Negroes	Mary John	Geo Jones	530.
1 "	Nelson	" "	3.
4 "	Kate, Hannah, Margaret and Joe	" "	835.
1 "	Coleman	" "	670.
4 "	Nutta and Infant Caroline and Mary Kane	" "	900.
10 "	Sam Sail, Ann, John, Rachael, Lucy, Jane, Sam, Lymas, Patesey Ann and Adeline	" "	2525.
68			$20,238.

1844	Amount brought forward	$ 20,238.00
Feby. 12	The following tracts of land viz the W½ S. E. ¼ Sec. 31-T. 1. R. 3 N. and E.-E. ½ S. E. ¼ Sec. 31. T. 1. R. 3 N. and E. W. ½ S. W. ¼ Sec. 32. N. ½ Sec 6. T. 1. R. 3 S. and E. W. ½ S. W. ¼ and E. ½ S. E. ¼ Sec 6-T 1-R 3 S and E, and W ½ N. W. ¼ W. ½ S. E. ¼ E ½ N. W ¼ E ½ S. W. ¼ Sec. 5 T. 1 R. 3 S. and E. containing 1090 Acres (said lands subject to Mortgage to Union Bank for $15,760	

payable in 1858, 1860, 1862, 1864), to Geo. Jones @ pr ac. 10¢. $109.00

The following tracts of land viz, The W ½ N. W. ¼ Sec. 32 T. 1. R. 3 N and E. and E. ½ N. W. ¼ Sec. 32 T. 1, R. 2. N. and E. containing 160 acres, to Geo. Jones [@] $1.00 160.00

The following lands in Madison County—W. ½ N. E. ¼ W. ½ N. W. ¼ W. ½ S. W. ¼ E. ½ S. W. ¼ W. ½ S. E. ¼ E. ½ S. E. ¼ E. ½ N. W. ¼ E. ½ N. E. ¼ of Sec. 7, T. 4, R. 4, S. and E. and E. ½ of N. W. ¼ and S. W. ¼ Sec. 8, T. 4, R 4 S and E. containing 880 Acres
to Geo. Jones [@] 10¢ 88.00

Said lands subject to Mortgage to Union Bank for $10,900. payable in 1858, '60 '62 '64.

2000 Bu. Corn (delivered at the plantation) per bu. 25¢	Geo. Jones $	500.00
1800 lbs. fodder 12½¢	" " " " " "	22.50
2 Mules and Waggon	" " " " " "	100.00
3 " " " " " " " " "		100.00
Gross amt. sales		$ 21,317.50
Charges, Commissions for selling.		75.00
Net amt.		$ 21,242.50

BIRTHS AND DEATHS ON CHEMONIE, 1847

Mr. Jones

Sir, I Send you the Names and Births and deaths of Negro chilldren on chemoonie 1847.[8]

Phillis Wallice was deliverd of a Female child January 14th 1847, Not Named.

Fanny was deliverd of a Male child ded May 3d, 1847.

Harriet was deliverd of a Female child April 25, 1847, Clay was its name.

Netty was deliverd of a Female child July 29th, 1847, Eliza was its name.

Sarah was deliverd of a Female child December 7th, 1847, Binadd is its name.

l. Mariah was deliverd of a Male child December 27th, 1847, Robert was its name.

Deaths.

Phillis Wallice['s] child died Jany. 31st, 1847, noe name.

l. Mariah['s] child Eliza died July 5th, 1847.

harriets child died July 8th, 1847, Clay was her name.

[8] This unsigned document is in the handwriting of John Evans.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS ON CHEMONIE, 1848, 1849

A list of Births and Deaths on Chemoonie Plantation from Jany. 1848 to April 1849.

Births.

March 26th Fanny was deliverd of a Female Child, Sofa is its name.

April 26th Eave was deliverd of a Female child, Florida is its name.

Deaths

Harriet died the 6th of May 1848.

Short foot Billy died 22d of June 1848.

Netty['s] child Eliza died 14th of Septr. 1848.

Bass Davy Died 21 of Oct. 1848.

O[ld] Sappo died 26 of octr. 1848.

1849.

Cate was deliverd of a Female child April 2d, 1849 Tener is its name.

this is all of the Births and deaths that have bin Since I have bin living with you.

Old Sucky is mending and I think will be well Enougugh to goe to work in a Few days.

With Respect

JNO. EVANS

April 15th, 1849.

FAMILY GROUPING OF THE CHEMONIE SLAVES, 1852

Negroes in Famileys on Chemoonie.[9]

Jacob		England	
B. Mariah		Sarah	
Caroline		Molly	
L. Cate	c +	Syke	c +
George	c +	Rinah	c +
		Doll	c +
		Isaac	c
Prophet		Siller	c +
Sinder			
Joe	c	O. billy	
Juner	c	Betty	
		Biner	c
Simon	+	Eaves children	
Fillis		Demps	c +
B. Peggy		Martha	c +
Frances		Patience	c +
York	c +	Florida	c +
Rachel	c +	Rose	c +

[9] This list may be dated as of about the end of April, 1852, by the allusion to it in the letter of John Evans to George Noble Jones, April 30, 1852. "G. J." following a name indicates that the slave was the property of George Noble Jones in person, and not among those held by him as trustee for his wife. As regards the other symbols, see Evan's explanation at the end of the list.

Cubet		
Lucky		
Esaw		
O. ben		
B. Dick		
Fanny		G. J.
Frank	c +	G. J.
Sofa	c +	G. J.
Eave	c +	G. J.
Florer		
Ellick	c +	
Cate		
L. Betty	c	
Matiler	c	
Boston	c +	
Lymus	c +	
ginny	c +	
Deanah	c +	
Tener	c +	
L. Peggy	c	
N. Peggy		
Pheby		

B. Mungin		
Minder		
L. Renty		
Lear		G. J.
L. Dick	c	
braboy	c	
Wallice	c	
Ishmael	c +	
Frinah	c +	
L. Mariah		
Lucy	c +	
Y. Robert	c +	
Mary	c +	
Amos	c +	
Rose		
William	c +	
O. Abram		G. J.
Sucky		G. J.
Nathan		G. J.
Poldo		G. J.
L. Sarah		G. J.

Sesar		G. J.	Jim		
Rachal		G. J.	Martha		G. J.
Mariann	c	G. J.	Thomas	c +	G. J.
L. Sucky	c	G. J.			
L. Robert	c +	G. J.			
Ned	c +	G. J.			

I put a mark between Each Familey of Negroes and a C against Theair children Names and a cross Mark against all of the children that dont work out. 83 Negroes on Chemoonie and 43 Names goes into the Field, including the Driver and two water toters.

JNO EVANS.

EL DESTINO INVENTORY, DECEMBER, 1854

Jesse Whatley's return of Negroes, Stock, Utensils, etc., on G. Jones' El Destino Plantation, Dec., 1854.

List of hands on Geo. Jones Eldestino Plantation.
Ephram, Driver of the hoe hands.
Jimmey, head at Ploughs and Waggons.
Chesly, Waggoner and Row Leader of the hoe hands.
Barick, hog minder.
L. Sam, Lot Boy mule feeder.
L. John, Cow Boy.
Dick, Cow minder.

Prince	1[10]	L. Bob	½	Aggy	1
N. Isham	1	Charles	1	Y. Polly	1

[10] These ratings of the field hands were added in pencil.

Rachel	1	Cato	1	Jackson	1
L. Jane	1	Jonas	¾	Ann	1
Leaner	1	Simon	1	Venas	½
Wallock	½	O Ester		L. Lucy	1
Mariah	1	N. Barto	1	Limas	½
Edward	¼	Susanah	1	Charlote	1
Abram	1	Elisebeth	1	John S.	1
Lucy B.	1	y. Bob	½	Mary C.	
Tempy (cook)		L. Ester	1	Delia	
Dolly	½	Hetty	½	B. Bob	
Haywood	½	Martha	1	Dudly	
Lewis	¼	N. Bvely	1	Ben J.	
O Jane		L. Philis	1	Primas	
Besey	1	Sim	1	Ansel	
Cathern	1	Dye	1	Davy	
B. Lucy	1	Harry	½	Butler	
Elcy	1	P. Queen	½	Jim H.	
Tildy	¾	L. Polly	1	Aberdean	
Peggy	1	Kate		O. Joe	
O. Sam	1	Nutty	1	Winter	
Melia	½	N. Flora		Neger	
Elisa	1	Biner	1	Renty	
Priciller	¾	Caroline	¾	P. H. Wallis	
O Phillis		Judy	1	William	
Natt	¾	Albert	1	Ben	
Courtney	¾	Stephen	1	Prince	
Clary	¾	Tamer		Tom	
Henry	¾	Daniel	1	Lueaser	

SLAVE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, EL DESTINO, DECEMBER, 1854[11]

Children and there names.

L. Esters family
Riner
mary
Rutha

y. Janes Family
Mary
Elen

N. Bartos Family
Fenton
Jiles
Pall

melia's Family
Emily
Becker
Sarah
Elcy

mariahs Family
John
Charles
Sarah and Elick

Lucy B. family
Larry

Tempys Family
Robert
Rose and Limbeck

Anns Fa[m]ily
Jerry
William

Rachels Family
Hariett
Davy

Venas Family
Julia
Jack
Peggy
Hariat
Amey

Charlottes Family
Silvey

[11] Jesse Whatley's return, continued.

N. Ishams Family
Jerry
Johny

Nuttys Family
Sip
Lettia
Mary Cain and Baby

Ben J. Family
Penny
Spencer

P Queen Fam.
Bess
Ely
Diley

Dys Family
Stephen
Tyra
Infant

N. Flos Family
Christianah

Orphants [i. e., orphan]
Childrein
Hanner
Samson
L. Joe

L. Philis Family
George An
Selia
Keyah

Marthas Famly
Whatley
Minney
Infant

97 hands
27 children
27 Children

151

LIST OF STOCK ON EL D[ES]TINO PLANTATION

24 Work mules
100 head of Sheep
1 Poney
183 head of hogs
72 head of Cattle
13 goats

LIST OF TOOLS

3 road Waggons
1 ox Cart
27 Single horse Ploughs, Turn —
39 Weading hoes
1 Road Scraper
27 Pair of Plough gear
33 Plough and Waggon Bridles
1 Paire Spring Balances
1 set of Black smith Tools
6 Beams of Warp
27 Shoil [shovel] Plough Stocks.
2 Looms
5 Wing Sweapes
1 Bale and 5 Bolts of Baging
2 Augurs
1 hand saw
1 Broad ax and C in the hands of Charles and Simon
2 horse Carts
3 Duble horse Ploughs
10 Pair of Waggon Harnis
1 Pair of Cart Harnis
2 Waggon Saddles
1 Bariel Containing Heel Screws and Clevises — in my Shead.
2 Pair Large Stylards [steel-yards]
2 cross Cut Saws
1 Reel
31 Single trees
6 Spining Wheels
53 Cast Sweapes
53 Cast Shovels
34 Cliveses
26 Heel Screws
2 Chizels
1 hand ax in the hands of Ephram
15 Club axes

LIST OF COTTON SEED, PEAS, OATS ETC.

about 100 Bushels of oats,
2 houses of Planting Cotton seed
about 3 Bushels of flint Corn in the Peas house,

5 Sacks of Black seed Cotton in my room,
about 115 Bushels of Peas
1 Lot of Picked Cotton seed in the gin house Loft,
2 Banks of seed Potatoes,
2 Banks Eating Potatoes,
3 Boxes of rice
(Spades and grubing hoes at the Canal).

Decr. 20, '54. J. W. WHATLEY

A LIST OF NEGROES WHO RECEIVED WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS AND SHIRTS, DEC., 1854, AT EL DESTENO [12]

Prince	7
Abram	7
O. Sam	7
Stephen	7
John Sails	7
Albert	7
Cato	7
Ephraim	7
Jimmey	7
Sim	7
Jackson	7
Charles	7
Simon	7

[12] In the original of this list each name has a check mark before and behind it; and various other symbols accompany some of the names. Certain other names are inserted at various places in the tabulation, but in so confused a manner that they are not here printed. The numerals following the names presumably record the yards of cloth required for an issue of clothing.

Big Bob	7	
Dudley	7	
Ben Jackson	7	
Primus	7	
Ancil	7	
Jim Hall	7	
Aberdeen	7	
Old Joe	7	
Winter	7	
Niger	7	
Renty	7	
Davy	7	
Ann	7	
Di	7	
Mariah	7	
Martha	7	
Catherine	7	
Big Lucy	7	no blanket
Aggy	7	
Nancy Bartow	7	no blanket
Judey	6	
Binah	6	
Coatney	6	
Polly McQueen	6	
Dolly	6	
Netta	6	
Charlott	6	
Clary	6	
Harry	5	
Bob Habersham	6	
Jim Wallack	5	

Tom	5
Edward	5
Lucy Bryant	6
Lewis	5
Hetty	5
Louisa	6
N. Beverly	6
Lucy Sail	6
Rachaiel	6
Henry	6
Heyward	6
Daniel	6
Eliza	6
Susanna	6
Betsey	6
Elizabeth	6
Priscilla	6
Jane	6
Y. Polly	6½
Nancy Isham	6
Peggy	6
Caroline	6
Easter	6
Matilda	6
Elsey	6
Leanner	6
O. Jane	6
Delia	6
Tempey	6

O. Easter	6	
O. Phillis	6	
Nancy Flora	6	
Venus	6	
Phillis McQueen	6	
Melia	6	
Phillis Wallace	6	
Tamer	6	
William	6	
Ben	5	
Prince	4½	
Rose	6	
Richard	4½	
Francis	6	
Jonas	5	
Barack	6	
L. Sam	5	
Bess	6	
Penny	5	
Lymas	4½	no blanket
John Williams	5	
Phillis Habersham	6	
Natt	5	
Winney	5	no blanket
O. Kate	6	
Jack	4½	no blanket
Mary Cain	4½	
Mary Ann	4½	no blanket
	624	

LIST OF SLAVES SOLD BY GEORGE NOBLE JONES TO JOSEPH BRYAN, 1860, WITH PRICES AFFIXED[13]

England	$1100.	Profit	$ 500
Francis	1300	Joe	1200
Syke	1200	Jacob	1250
Isaac	1300.	Andrew	1000
Laft [Lafayette] Renty	1300	Cow Renty	1000
		Boston	1200
Brave Boy	1200	Lymas	1000
Dick	1350	Scipio *Nuttall*[14]	1200
Wallace	1300	Jim	1300
Ishmael	1200		

[sic] Property of G. J.

Sarah	$ 000	old Peggy *did not go*	$000
Molly	950	Leah (property of G. J.)	400
Rinah	900		
Farina	1000	Daphney	900
Flora	1050	Kate	1000
Rachel (struck off as counted over)	900	Little Betty	1100
		Matilda	1200
Cinder	000	Jenny	900
Minda	700	old Peggy, nurse	000
Nancy	600	(*died at Chemonie, June, 1860*)	
Abby	1100		

[13] These slaves constituted most of the Chemonie corps after the gift of twenty-nine slaves from Chemonie to Mary, the wife of George W. Jones (De Renne) in 1856 as noted at the end of this document. The MS. list contains a numeration of the slaves, which is here omitted.

[14] The remarks here italicized were inserted in pencil.

old Betty	600	Phoebe (property G. J.)	1100
old Billy	000	Lucy	1100
Rose	1000	Rosanna	1000
Binah	1100	Patience	900
Little Martha	1100		

Children	Parents	
Florida	Rosannah's sister	$ 900
Rachel	Lt. Renty	650
Alex	Flora	600
Ben	"	500
Diana	L. Renty	500
Fina	"	200
George	Jacob	850
Sucky	"	500
William	"	500
Patty	old Betty	400
Jane	"	300
Tom	L. Betty	200
Davy	Molly	200

Synopsis

58 Negroes deduct 4 old superannuated
4

54
1 Rachel struck off

53

		Value	Average
Men and Boys	18	$20,900	1161.12
Women and girls	23	21,200	921.74
Boy Children	6	6,500	
Girl Children	7		
	54	48,600	900.

After striking off Rachel valued at $850. and deducting expenses and commissions J. Bryan paid $44,200.

Dec. 29, 1856.

29 Negroes presented to G. W. and M. W. Jones, Valued at $23,200.[15]

A BILL OF SALE FOR SLAVES

State of Florida
Leon County

Whereas on the 13th day of Jany. inst. I have sold unto Joseph Bryan of Savannah Georgia Forty eight Negro Slaves, the same being held by me, in trust for my wife Mary whose consent I have for said sale, and whereas I am desirous of investing the proceeds in other similar property I hereby sell and convey unto myself as trustee of said Mary the following slaves with their future issue and increase of the females viz.—

Chesley age 42, Nathan 28, Daniel 25, Sam Sails 22, Caesar 45, Nat 24, Polidore 25, Albert 26, Ann 50, John Sails 29,

[15] See Introduction, section IV.

Lucy Sails 23, Anthony 5, Jane Sail 22, Betsey 5, Sam 21, Lymas 18, Jerry 15, Nancy 38, Phoebe 21, Louisa 19, Jerry 8, Johnny 4, Melia 4, Tamar 39, Sampson 15, Martha 33, Whatley 9, Mary 6, Abram 7, Netta 38, Mary 17, Alethea 5, Easter 4, Leannah 23, Jackson 4, Jim Wallack 21, Winney 19, Penny 17, Spencer 15, Henry 21, Clary 19, Tempy 42, Dolly 21, Lewis 19, Robert 11, Hirson 6, Easter 37, Hetty 19, Rina 13, Mary 11, Ruth 8, Jimmy 6, Melia 39, Eliza 21, Frank 5, Priscilla 19, Richard 17, Rebecca 11, Elsey 7, Sarah 9, Robert 37, Aggy 47, Polly 24.

To have and to hold the said negro slaves and the increase of the females in trust for the said Mary upon the uses and trusts as contained in a certain Marriage settlement executed between the said Mary and the said George Jones on the 23d day of May A. D. 1840. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of Jany. A. D. 1860.

signed, GEO: JONES L. S.

A TAX-LIST, 1865[16]

Return of G. Noble Jones' Taxable Property in Jefferson County, Florida.

Slaves	3 men over	70 years of age.	
	1 "	60 " " "	
	1 "	50 " " "	

[16] As appears at the end of this document, it was not sworn to—which is not surprising. It is curious, indeed, that a tax list including slaves should have been prepared as late as April 18, 1865, nine days after Lee's surrender.

Slaves	28	men	between	18	and 50
	14	Boys	"	10	" 18
	6	Women	"	50	" 70
	26	"	"	18	" 50
	11	Girls	"	10	" 18
	53	Children	under		10
Total	143				

Stock	Sheep	104		Oxen	16
	Lambs	30		Goats	10
	Open Sows	26		Mules	16
	Boars	3		Waggons	3
	Shoats	60		Horse Carts	3
	Cows	45		Ox Carts	2
	Bulls	3		Carry Logs	2
	Yearlings	30			

Land 2000 Acres, 2nd. Quality.
" 2209 " 3d. "
1 old Mare

G. NOBLE JONES

Sworn to before me this Seventeenth day of April Eighteen hundred and Sixty five, A. D.

LISTS OF NEGROES ON EL DESTINO, 1865

List of Working Hands on G. Noble Jones El Destino Plantation, Florida, May 1865[17]

Men.			Age.
Prince		Driver	62
Jerry	¾	Plough boy	13
Johny		Cow boy	11
Niger *Brown*		Cooper and hoe hand	32
Cato *Ash*		Cow herd, bad health	29
L. Charles		Plough boy	16
John Henry		do	19
Alic	¾	do	14
Eli *Verdier*		do	19
Robert Habersham		Hoe hand	26
Spencer *Jackson*		do	20
Ephraim		Foreman of Ploughs	44
Jackson *Quinton*		Hoe hand	29
John Williams		Plough boy	26
Abram		Hoe hand	34
John Sail		do	34
Anthony *Golphine*	¼	do., inferior and lazy	23
Fenton		Plough boy	17
Paul		Cow boy	12
Whatley	½	Plough boy	14
L. Robert	¾	do.	16

[17] The surnames here printed in italics are in a different ink, and were evidently added at a later time.

Men.		Age.
Iverson	Cow boy	11
Jackson	Water Carrier	10
Richard *Nellicliff*	Plough boy	22

Mill hands.

Robert *Yeomans*	Sawyer and Carpenter	43
Henry	Laborer	26
Joe *Thompson*	do	23
Winter *Baker*	Blacksmith	39
Ben *Wallace*	do	27
William Barrington	Ox driver	24
Aberdeen Butler	Laborer	36
Primus *Goodwin*	Ox driver, sickly,	40
Jim Hall,	"Jack-leg" Carpenter, sickly,	48
Jimmy Campbell,	Jack-leg Carpenter (very small)	23
Ancil *Pinckney*	Miller	33
Charles *Howard*	Cooper	46
O. Joe,	does very little coopering,	72
O. Sam *Jones*	Draws Water for Mules,	72
O. Simon *Marshall*	Rakes leaves	73
Robt. Evans,	Orphan, mulatto, waits on overseer	17

Women.		Children who do no work.	
Louisa,		Plough hand 3 children	24
Rachal,		Hoe hand ¾ 2 do.	32
Harriet		" " ½	15
Mary Cain	½	Hoe hand (nurses an infant) 3 children	22

Maria		Hoe hand—Pregnant, has done no work since 26th May, 4 children			Age 39
Catherine		2 do.			27

Women and children who do no work.

Penny	½	Hoe hand, nurses an infant,	3	children	
Eliza	½	do crooked ankle.	5	do	26
Clary		Ploughs			24
Betsey	¾	Hoe, Pregnant	3	do	26
Elsey		Ploughs			28
Kate	½	do do			18
Elizabeth		Hoes	3	do	27
Sarah	½	Ploughs			14
Dolly	½	Hoes nurses an infant	2	do	26
Quinn	¼	Hoe			11
Mary		Water Carrier			10
Mary Ann		Hoe			21
Aleshia	½	Ploughs			12
Leannah			1	do	28
Rebecca	½	Hoes—nurses	1	do	16
Nancy		Spins	3	do	43
Dulcinea		Spins ½ task, Deaf and dumb			12
Nanny Bartow		do ¾ do	2	do	42
Delia		do ½ do			62
Sue		do ¾ do	3	do	30
Melia		Milks—Spins	5	do	44
Priscilla		Weaver	3	do	24
Aggy		Spins ½	1	do	
Martha		Weaver	6	do	32

				Age
Tempe	Spins			47
Netta	do	1	do	43
Peggy	do	3	do	28
Phillis	Cooks for overseer, feeble health			52
L. Mary Evans	Spins, ¾, an orphan, Pregnant, 1 child			15

G. Noble Jones.

List of Negroes on G. Jones El Destino Plantation, Florida May, 1865. [In family groups as indicated by the separating lines.]

		Age.
Prince	Driver or overseer	62
Nancy	His wife, spins	43
Jerry	Plough boy	13
Johny	Cow boy	11
Melia		10
Fanny		7
Florence		5
Louisa	Ploughs	24
Katy		6
Pleasant		2¾
Albert		11 months
Niger	Cooper	32
Rachal	His wife, very small	32
Harriet	small—hoes	15
Davy	goes errands	11
Winter		9

		Age
Sam	Draws water and feeds mules	72
Eliza	crooked ankle	26
Frank		10½
West		8¾
Ellen		6¾
Letty		3¼
Matilda		11 mos.
O. Phillis	bed ridden	72
Henry	Laborer at Mill	26
Clary	Ploughs	24
Betsey	Hoe hand	26
Celia		7
Gage		4
Joe	infant	1
Elcey	Plough hand	28
Winter	Blacksmith	39
O. Easter		72
Spencer	Hoe	20
Kate	Ploughs, pregnant at present, does very little	18
Ephraim	Foreman of Ploughs	44
Nanny Bartow	Spins	42
Fenton	Plough boy	17
Paul	Cowboy	12
Milly		6
Philip		3 7/12

		Age
Cato	Cowherd, bad health	29
Mary Cain	his wife, hoes, nurses an infant	22
Jacob		5
Scipio		3
Barrack		2 mos.
Maria	pregnant, hoes when able, has prolapsus uteri	39
Sarah Ann	sweeps yards and goes errands	12
Patsey	water carrier	10
Prince		9
William		6
Adeline		3
Charles	Ploughboy	16
John Henry	" "	19
Alic	" "	14
Robert	Carpenter	43
Catherine	his wife	27
Dudley		6
Spencer		18 mos.
Eli	Plough boy	19
Dulcinea	Deaf and Dumb	12
Priscilla		10
Lucy		6
Robert H.	Hoe	26
Penny	Hoes and nurses an infant	22
Chesley		7
Bella		2¾
Phillis		7 mos.

FENTON YOUMANS
1908

CHARLOTTE PINCKNEY
1925

FRANK JACKSON
1908
Photograph by George Noble Jones II

DEMPS RUSS
ABOUT 1916
Photograph by George Noble Jones

EX-SLAVES

		Age.
Ben Wallace	Laborer at Mill	27
Elizabeth	Hoe	27
Mingo		5
Henry		4
Giles		1 3/12
Jackson	Hoe	29
Joe	Laborer at Mill	23
John Williams	Plough boy	26
Delia	Spins, ½ task	62
Susannah	Spins, sickly, ¾ task	30
Tom		7
Addela		5
Fanny		5 mos.
Jimmey	Hog minder	46
Melia	Milks and spins (prolapsus)	44
Sarah	Ploughs	
Elsey		10
Susannah		8
Mary Jane		6
Margaret		1 3/12
Priscilla	Weaver, delicate health,	24
Eliza		6
Jimmy		4
Martha		1 6/12

		Age
Charles	Cooper	46
Aggy	Nurse, spins, sews	52
Ralph		5
William Barrington	Oxdriver	24
Dolly	Hoes, small and sickly, nurses an infant	26
Judy		6
Perry	infant	5 mos.
Aberdeen	Laborer at Mill	36
Martha	Weaver Prolapsus Uteri	32
Whatley	Plough boy	14
Minie	hoes, ¼ hand	11
Mary	Water carrier	10
Daphne		9
Ben		7
Stephen		6
Venus		4
Ellen		2
Rose		1 4/12
O. Simon	Rakes leaves	72
Primus	Ox driver, sickly	40
Tempe	Spins	47
Mary Ann	Hoes	21
Robert	Ploughs	16
Iverson	Cowboy	11
Jim Hall	a carpenter, consumption	48

		Age	
Netta	Spins	43	
Alethia	Ploughs	11	
Easter		9	
Abram	Hoe	34	
Leannah	Hoe	28	
Jackson	water carrier	10	
Dolly		5	
Ancil	Miller	33	
Peggy	Spins	28	
Mary Ann		9	
John		8	
Charlott		5	
Jimmy Campbell	Jackleg carpenter, very small	23	
Rebecca	Hoe, nurses an infant, small.	16	
Mary Ann	infant	10	mos.
Old Joe		72	
Phillis	cooks for overseer, in feeble health,	52	
Robert Evans	an orphan, waits on overseer,	17	
John Sail	Hoe	34	
Richard	Plough boy	22	
L. Mary Evans	an orphan, pregnant,	15	
Anthony	a very inferior, lazy hand	23	
	[Number, all told.]	139.	

G. Noble Jones.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DENTAL APPARATUS[1]

Medison wanting on Eldistina

Blistering ointment
Ipacak
Quinine
Sallaratus
Camphire
Casteroil
Flaxceede
nippers for pulling teath and gum lancet

I want a new Jurnal or paper to put in the oald one.

January 7th 1847.

Respectfully yours

WM. WOLFE.

DOCTOR'S BILLS

Mr. George Jones Dr.

1855	To G. Troup Maxwell M. D.
Feb. 27	To visit to plantation in Jefferson Co. $12.00

[1] From a memorandum, endorsed in Jones's handwriting: "El Destino, List of Medicine."

Feb. 27	To Attendance on Lucy in difficult labour	$30.00
" "	" Purgative pills — 4 doz., .50 Glass Pessary .50.	$1.00
		43.00

Received Payment — February 19th A. D. 185[torn]

G. Troup Maxwell
By L. C. DeMilly.

Geo. Jones Esqr.

To Wm. F. Robertson Dr.

1855			
Jan.		To Prescription Woman	$1.00
Feby.	2	To Pres. Lucy	1.00
"	"	Bot. Pills 4oz.	1.50
"	17	To Prescription Polly	1.00
"	"	" do. Lucy	1.00
"	28	To Prescription Abram	1.00
		" Bot. Pills "	1.00
Mar.	1	To Visit from plantation	3.00
		To Prescription Abram	1.00
		" Cupping do.	2.00
		" Inserting Seton	2.00
Mar.	3	to Prescription Lucy	1.00
"	"	" Bot. Pills 4 oz.	1.50
"	9	To Visit Chamounie	10.00
		" Prescription Abram	1.00
	17	To Prescription Lucy	1.00

Oct.	22	To Visit and Pres. negro man at Chamounie	$11.00
Dcr.	29	To Pres. and bot Pills negro Woman	2.00
			$43.00

Apl. 20, 1857 Recd. payment

WM. F. ROBERTSON.

A BILL OF IMPLEMENTS AND FERTILIZER

NEW YORK Nov. 18, 1854.

MR. GEO. JONES

Bot of Jno. Moore

7	Ploughs 50	$1.75	$12.25
8	do 60	1.87½	15.00
1	do 19	3.25	3.25
1	Via Corn Sheller		25.00
1	ex[tra] pr. Cogs for do		
1	" spring " "		4.00
6	Bbls Bone Dust #2	2.50	15.00
6	" " " "3	2.00	12.00
¼	Doz L. H. Sho[v]els	$12.	3.00
¼	" " " Spades	12	3.00
25	Large Scooters		
5	Small do		
16	Buzzard Sweeps old patern		
2	" " & shares		

49 Shares	50			
56 "	60			
6 "	19	729 lbs. 3½ [cents per lb.]		$25.52
	Ins. .95	Cartage $1.75		3.70
				$121.72

NEW YORK Nov. 23, 1854

MR. GEO JONES
Tallahassee Fla.

DEAR SIR,

Herewith please find B/L & Inv. of Ploughs etc. shipped per Brig Wacissa and consigned to Messrs. McNaught and Ormonds, New Port [Florida], with instructions to forward. Trusting they may arrive safely to hand I remain

Very Respectfully Yours,

JNO. MOORE,
per I. T. Morrell.

A FREIGHT BILL[2]

MR. GEORGE JONES

1856		To Talla[hassee] Rail Road Co, Dr.		
July	30	To Transportation on		
"	"	" 1 Case Shoes 5 Pulleys		
"	"	" 1 Portable Engine &c	6200	[$]15.50
"	"	" 8 Coils Rope	623	1.56

[2] Endorsed: "Railroad a/c 1856, Chamouni."

Augt. 1		" 3 Box Machinery 2 Keg Nails		
"	"	" 1 Bale Bagging	3250	$8.13
"	2	" 1 do do	800	2.00
"	7	" 1 Coil Rope	100	.25
				$27.44
		Storage on Lot Bagg 98 Brl Bulk 2 M		1.00
		Rece payment 29th Nov/56		$28.44

W. E. DAUELLY
agt

AN OVERSEER'S CONTRACT, 1849

This agreement made and entered into this Twenty-fourth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and Forty nine Between George Jones of the first part and Jesse W. Whatley of the second part Witnesseth: that the said Jesse W. Whatley for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said George Jones, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and also in consideration of Covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, agrees to oversee and manage the plantation of the said George Jones, situated in Leon County, State of Florida, and known by the name of Chemoonie, for and during the term of one year from date; that is to say, until the twenty fourth day of December eighteen hundred and fifty, unless sooner discharged. To

take care of the Negroes on said plantation in sickness and in health, and to treat them with humanity, to obey the lawful instructions of George Jon[es], his Agent or Agents, and generally to do and perform all acts usually required of a faithful overseer; and in consideration of the premises aforesaid George Jones agrees to pay Jesse W. Whatley at the end of the year aforesaid, that is to say, on the twenty fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty, the sum of Four hundred dollars, or at that rate for a less time, viz. at the rate of thirty three dollars and thirty three cents a month, if the said George Jones should wish to terminate this agreement before the end of the year aforesaid. George Jones also agrees to furnish the said Jesse W. Whatley with a woman to Cook and wash, Corn and fodder for one horse, and bread and meat sufficient for his own use, and such as the plantation affords.

In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

JESSE WHATLEY [seal]

GEORGE JONES [seal]

It is understood between the parties to the above agreement, that if John Evans should prefer to remain on the Chemoonie Plantation, then the said Jesse W. Whatley will take charge of George Jones' El destino plantation in Jefferson County Florida, upon the same terms as he

agrees to oversee the Chemoonie plantation, and George Jones agrees to pay him the same wages, and grants to him the same privileges.

JESSE WHATLEY
GEO. JONES.

Jefferson County Fa. Decr. 26, 1850.

Received of Mr. G. Jones Four hundred dollars, being amount in full of my wages to the twenty fourth i[nst. MS. torn], $400.00/100

JESSE WHAT[LEY]

December 29, 1850.

The foregoing is renewed for another year on the same terms and conditions.

GEO. JONES
JESSE WHATLEY.

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Jones, this contract shall become void and of no force, and in that case the party of the second part shall receive a pro rata share of the compensation agreed upon for the whole year.

And it is further understood that Mr. Curry will devote his whole time and attention to the Plantation business and will not make practice of receiving visitors.

WALLACE S. JONES

Witnesses to the signatures
of W. S. Jones and J. S. Curry

Caleb G. Weeks
S. F. Berry

J. S. CURRY

MEMORANDUM OF TENANT CONTRACTS, EL DESTINO AND CHEMONIE, 1873[4]

West agrees to pay $2.75 per acre (46 acres) for 2 years from Jany. 1st '73.

Madison plows a steer—agrees to feed steer. He gets one half of cotton and three quarters of the corn and fodder.

[4] This list, which is in the handwriting of Wallace S. Jones, shows the existence on a single estate of virtually all the current types of tenantry. West was on money rental; Winter, John Pride and the "Chamouni Boys" were on cotton rental; while the rest were share croppers, with their respective shares determined doubtless by the feeding of the animals which they ploughed. The mules used by Aberdeen and others in his group were presumably fed by Jones and stabled at El Destino headquarters, and Sarah Williams perhaps ploughed a steer on the same basis. Madison, and probably Ephraim, fed the animals assigned to them; while Robert and Ben may have had, and surely fed, mules of their own.

Winter agrees to pay 600 lbs. lint for all the land cultivated by him. From last year's account Winter paid $27.65 on mule. Were he to pay cash now, it would take $72.35 to finish paying for mule. Until he does finish paying, he is to be charged at the rate of $12 a month.

Aberdeen, Harry, Dick, Joe, Demps, Barack, Charles get ½ corn and 1/3 cotton, provided the ½ corn shows 75 barrels to the mule.

Lewis gets 2/3 of cotton and ¾ of the corn.

John Pride rents for 2 bales of 450.

Chamouni Boys give 450 [pounds of] lint for every 20 acres.

Sarah Williams gets 1/3 all round.

Ephraim gets ½.

Robert and Ben get 2/3.

A CHATTEL MORTGAGE BY A NEGRO TENANT, 1874[5]

State of Florida,
Jefferson County,

Whereas George Noble Jones has advanced to us, John Pride and Caroline his wife Forty dollars to enable us to pay for the purchase of said mule named John Bull, and whereas said George Noble Jones has advanced to the undersigned one hundred and seventy six dollars 22/100 on account of supplies, to enable us to feed and clothe

[5] A certification by a justice of the peace and a recording endorsement by the county clerk, which are written on the back of this instrument, are not here printed.

ourselves and family we hereby convey to said George Noble Jones the aforesaid mule, this conveyance to be void whenever we shall pay to George Noble Jones or his representatives the aforesaid sum of one hundred and seventy six dollars 22/100 for said advances and the aforesaid sum of forty dollars on account of purchase of said mule. Witness our signatures this eighteenth day of February, 1874.

JOHN × PRIDE
CAROLINE × PRIDE.

Witness
G. Fenwick Jones.
Wallace S. Jones

A TENANT'S CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MULE AND THE RENT OF A FARM, 1874

Unsigned draft in the handwriting of Wallace S. Jones.

I agree to sell to Charles Howard a mule called Pigeon for $187., one half payable on the first of Jany. (1875) Eighteen hundred and seventy-five, the other half payable with twenty per [cen]t interest[6] on the 1st Jany., 1876, interest to run from first of Jany., 1875. Upon the payment of the last instalment with interest, I agree to make title to Charles for the mule. If the mule dies before it is paid for, Charles agrees to pay for the mule as if it had lived. I further agree to rent to Charles 40 acres of land

[6] This was a curious arrangement, providing for no interest on the full amount for the first year and for twenty per cent on the unpaid half for the second year.

in River Field for one year at the rate of 900 pounds of good cotton, payable and deliverable by first Jany. next at Station One, J. P. and M. R. R. He pledges his crops for the performance of this agreement, also for advances which may be made by me to Charles; he will pay taxes on mule.

In witness whereof we sign our names to this agreement, Jany. third, 1874.

GLOSSARY

Allowance: see rations.

Banking potatoes: storing sweet potatoes in straw-lined mounds of earth.

Barring off cotton, or siding cotton: running single furrows with a one-horse turn-plough close alongside the rows of young cotton plants, throwing the earth to the "middles". This lessened the labor of the first "chopping". This chopping was followed by "splitting the middles", throwing the earth back again to the ridges on which the cotton plants stood. The subsequent ploughings were done with shallow-going shares, e. g., "sweeps". The practice of siding and middle-splitting was not universal; for many planters, maintaining smaller ratios of ploughs to hoes, dispensed with turn-ploughs when once the land had been made ready to receive the seed.

Bedding cotton land: ploughing the soil into broad ridges preliminary to seeding.

Belting pine trees: cutting the bark in girdles round the bases of trees, to kill them. This "deadening" was the least laborious method of making a "new ground".

Bolls ("boles"): cotton pods.

Brickyard: the name of a field on El Destino.

Brogans: coarse, heavy shoes, commonly issued to slaves.

Carr's ("cars", "care"): the name of a field on Chemonie.

Chinquapin ("Chinkepin") cut: a field on Chemonie.

Chopping cotton: cultivating cotton with the hoe, usually including a thinning of the plants, e. g., "to a stand", or to the final spacing of stalks in the furrow.

Chunks: ends of logs, remaining to be burned.

Coal ("cole") wood: wood to be burned for charcoal.

Collars: mule collars, commonly made of corn husks.

Crossing off corn land: running furrows in a checkerboard pattern preparatory to planting corn. Liability to erosion in the South confines this practice to level lands.

Cut: a small or narrow field.

Driver: a slave foreman. Large plantations commonly had drivers for the plough and hoe gangs respectively.

Fodder pulling: stripping the leaves of Indian corn for fodder.

Gin-house: a house in which cotton is ginned, i. e., the lint or fibre is cut from the seed.

Gin-house cut: a field on Chemonie.

Green's field (Green feald): a field on Chemonie.

Half-hand: a slave rated at half the standard capacity, i. e., of a "full hand", for field labor.

Hames: curved pieces of wood (or iron) to which traces are attached. A pair of hames fits over the mule's collar.

Hominy ("homany"): coarsely ground corn; grits.

Horse-lot cut: a field on El Destino.

Knocking ("nocking", "nocken") down cotton stalks: beating the preceding year's cotton stalks prostrate to prevent annoyance or injury to the mules in preparing the field for a new crop.

Levers ("leavers"): long sloping beams by which mule-power was applied to the cotton baling-press.

Light-wood: fat pine; wood cut from the bases of pine trunks which had stood after deadening and which had thus become saturated with resin.

List: to plow a field into ridges, preliminary to planting.

Locked between the rows: cotton plants branched widely enough to interlace the tips across the intervals between the rows, which were customarily about three feet apart.

Mastodon: a variety or strain of short-staple cotton, developed by R. Abbey, of Yazoo, Mississippi, and described by him in the *American Agriculturist,* VI. 58 (February, 1847) as producing bolls thrice the size of the common "Mexican" cotton of the day, and possessing other advantages.

Mauling rails ("malling railes"): splitting logs into fence rails, by use of maul and wedges.

May-pop: the passion-flower vine, an annual.

Middles: the middles of the intervals between the rows of cotton or corn stalks.

New-ground ("new grown"): freshly cleared land.

Noble's field: a field on El Destino.

Ocilla (Aucilla): a river, east of El Destino.

Osnaburgs: a coarse cotton cloth.

Paling ("pailing"): building a fence of vertical boards nailed upon string-pieces. Fences of this type were used only for small enclosures; the main fences were of rails laid horizontally in a zigzag pattern.

Peas: cow-peas, black-eyed peas, or similar of a somewhat bean-like character.

Peeling ("pealing") poles: stripping the bark from the trunks of small trees, with a view to using the logs in building houses.

Petil Gulf ("petagulfe"): a strain of short-staple cotton, named for the village of Petil Gulf, Mississippi. The name of the town was afterward changed to Rodney.

Picking cotton: harvesting the crop. Despite many attempts to invent machines for the purpose, the gathering of cotton continues wholly a manual process.

Potatoes: in the South, the customary designation of sweet potatoes.

Prioleau ("Prelo", "Pralow"): a field on El Destino, presumably named for a former overseer, of whose name Pralow was a phonetic spelling.

Quarter: a group of slave dwellings or "cabins".

Quarter-hand: a slave rated at one-fourth of the standard capacity, i. e., of a "full hand" for field labor.

Rations ("rashings"): food-stuff distributions to the slaves. A rate widely prevalent was a peck of corn meal and 3½ pounds of salt pork per week for each adult, and proportionately for children. Other foods

were substituted on occasion. Several schedules of rations are printed among the tabulations herein.

Rattoons: stalks which grow from the roots of sugar-cane in a second year without replanting. A third year's growth is called "stubble".

Red-oak: the name of a field on El Destino.

Rose Hill: the name of a field on El Destino.

Rolling logs: assembling deadened and fallen timber for burning.

Running around cotton: ploughing close alongside the rows of cotton plants.

Running off corn rows: making furrows in which to drop seed corn.

Scaffolding cotton: drying on scaffold the cotton which has been gathered when wet.

Scooter ("scuter"): a bull-tongue ploughshare which when used alone makes a narrow furrow. For cultivating the crop a scooter is often bolted upon a "scrape", which has slanting horizontal wings. The scooter facilitates control of depth, while the scrape breaks the crust in a considerable swath.

Season: a word sometimes used colloquially in the sense of rain.

Shoat ("shote"): a young hog.

Sick-house, sick barrack: hospital, infirmary.

Siding ("sideling") cotton: ploughing close alongside the rows of cotton plants.

Splitting middles: ploughing the middles of the intervals between the rows of cotton plants.

Spring cut: a field on El Destino.

Stand, as in "chopping cotton to a stand": the final spacing of stalks in the row. In planting cotton the seed are strewn thickly in the furrow; and in successive hoeings the plants are thinned to a "stand".

Stocking ploughs: assembling or repairing ploughs.

Suckering: stripping off side shoots.

Stubble, of sugar-cane: see rattoons.

Syrup making: concentrating the juice of sugar-cane (or of sorghum) by boiling. On these Florida plantations the sugar-cane crop was not on a scale to warrant the making of sugar and its by-product molasses.

Sweep: a broad ploughshare used in the shallow cultivation of the growing crop.

Threshing ("thrashing") cotton: see whipping cotton.

Turkey cut: a field on Chemonie.

Vass ("Vas"): the name of a field on El Destino.

Weed, as applied to cotton: the stalk and branches.

Whipping cotton: beating, to free it from dirt and bits of dead leaves.

Woods Pasture ("Wodespastor"): the name of a field on El Destino, which doubtless had formerly been a woodland pasture.

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